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SUBJECT: Bills Passed During the 2000 Regular Legislative Session Report

We are pleased to provide you this Senate Committee Services (SCS) report, Bills Passed During the 2000 Regular Legislative Session, by Committee of Origin. With the popularity of similar summaries provided in the past by individual committee staff, we determined that a comprehensive report for all SCS committees would be of benefit to Senators and staff. We produced the report for the first time last year; it was well received.

Very simply, this report includes a brief description of each Senate and House bill passed by the 2000 Legislature in the recently completed regular session. Bills are listed under their committee of origin in the Senate. We will likely provide a short supplement upon completion of the special session.

In order to provide this report immediately upon sine die, we were not able to include information regarding gubernatorial vetoes. The Governor has not yet taken action on the overwhelming majority of bills included in this report.

We will be working with House staff in the weeks ahead to prepare the more comprehensive 2000 Final Legislative Report. You are likely familiar with that report, which has been produced for many years. It will include the final bill report for each bill passed by the 2000 Legislature and relevant gubernatorial veto messages.

It was a pleasure to serve you again this session, and we hope you find this report useful. Please let us know how we can continue to serve you more effectively.

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AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

786-7411

SB 6251: REGULATING HORTICULTURAL PLANTS AND FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rasmussen (HB 2376 Representative G. Chandler)

- ! Allows the Department of Agriculture to order the return of plants arriving by mail that do not comply with state regulations.
- ! Authorizes inspection of nursery plants for diseases and pests that harm other plants, not just those that harm the plants being inspected.
- ! Allows county horticultural pest and disease boards, subject to approval of the county commissioners, to establish assessments to fund board activities.

SSB 6720: MODIFYING THE WASHINGTON STATE BEEF COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rasmussen (HB 2999 G. Chandler)

- ! Increases the current \$1 per head assessment on beef to \$1.50 to fund consumer information, research and beef promotion programs.
- ! Allows the appointment of an additional member to serve as an advisory member on the beef commission board.

SSB 6781: MODIFYING PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF DAIRY NUTRIENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rasmussen

The following provisions from SHB 2737 are incorporated into SSB 6781:

- ! The Dairy Nutrient Task Force is established to monitor and oversee the implementation of the Dairy Nutrient Management Program.
- ! By September 1, 2000, the Office of Financial Management is to study and report on how to provide adequate funding for the program.
- ! By September 1, 2000, the Department of Ecology is to report on penalties related to violations of 90.48 and 90.64.
- ! The Task Force is to make recommendations to DOE and Legislature by December 31, 2000.

SHB 2348: AUTHORIZING TREASURER SERVICES FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative G. Chandler (SB 6219 Senator Rasmussen)

- ! Specific authority is provided to a conservation district board to employ a district treasurer or the district may utilize the services of the county treasurer.
- ! If the conservation district board hires a person to act as treasurer for the district, a surety bond must be obtained to protect the district from loss. The district must pay the premium on the surety bond.

SHB 2377: REGULATING CUSTOM MEAT SLAUGHTER AND PREPARATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative G. Chandler (SB 6253 Senator Rasmussen)

- ! Updates custom meat inspection laws that have not been comprehensively revised since 1959.

- ! Repeals the requirement for the Director of Agriculture to find there is a need for a custom meat slaughtering business prior to issuing a license to open a new business.
- ! Custom meat facilities may use the same equipment to prepare inspected meat as uninspected meat but requires the equipment to be first cleaned and sanitized.
- ! Maintains the requirement that uninspected meat packages be labeled "not for sale." Continues to prohibit the sale, trade or giving away of uninspected meat.

ESHB 2378: REGULATING STRUCTURAL PEST INSPECTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Linville (ESB 6252 Senator Rasmussen)

- ! A unique identification number is to be obtained for each pest control inspection conducted in conjunction with the transfer, exchange, or refinancing of any structure.
- ! To perform structural pest inspections, the licensed structural pest inspector must carry either a surety bond of at least \$25,000 or an errors and omissions insurance policy of at least \$50,000.
- ! It is unlawful for any person to advertise as a licensed structural pest inspector without holding a pest control license in the category of structural pest control.

E2SHB 2451: CREATING PENALTIES FOR CRIMES INVOLVING ANHYDROUS AMMONIA

Prime Sponsor: Representative McDonald

E2SHB 2451 was incorporated into 2SSB 6255. (See Judiciary page 32)

SHB 2628: MODIFYING PROHIBITIONS ON COLOSTRUM MILK

Prime Sponsor: Representative Linville

- ! Legalizes the sale and delivery of colostrum milk from a licensed producer for use as a nutritional supplement.
- ! Requires that colostrum milk must be heat pasteurized or otherwise treated to kill harmful organisms.

HB 2737: MODIFYING THE COMPOSITION AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE DAIRY NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Linville

SHB 2737 was incorporated into SSB 6781.

EHB 2995: MODIFYING PROVISIONS CONCERNING APIARIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative G. Chandler

- ! The pollination service fee is repealed effective June 30, 2001. The hive registration fee is continued.
The apiary advisory committee is to also advise the director on funding of research projects of benefit to the apiary industry.
- ! Effective June 30, 2000, the state apiary program and several of its functions are repealed. Other functions such as conducting inspections to allow the free movement of bees continue to be provided under other statutory authorities.

COMMERCE, TRADE, HOUSING & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

786-7408

ESB 5667: INCREASING THE NUMBER OF UNTAXED COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR BOXING, KICKBOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND WRESTLING

Prime Sponsor: Senator West

- ! Untaxed complimentary tickets issued for a wrestling, boxing, or martial arts event are increased to 10 percent of the total tickets sold, not to exceed 1,000 tickets.
- ! The term "for cause," for purposes of denying, revoking, or suspending a wrestling, boxing, or martial arts event license, is modified to specifically include concern for the safety and welfare of the participants.

SSB 5924: MODIFYING REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LAWS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Jacobsen

- ! A Real Estate Appraiser Commission is created and replaces the Real Estate Appraiser Advisory Committee.
- ! The commission will give advice and recommendations to the director of the Department of Licensing and the Legislature. The commission will approve the department's rules on real estate appraisers.

SB 6160: PAYING TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN STATE INVESTMENT BOARD APPLICANTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Snyder (HB 2661 Representative H. Sommer)

- ! The State Investment Board may pay travel expenses for prospective job candidates to be interviewed for entry-level investment officer positions.

ESSB 6220: PROHIBITING UNFAIR COMPETITION BY MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Prentice (HB 2529 Representative Clements)

- ! Vehicle manufacturers and other named entities are prohibited from the following: giving preferential treatment to any new motor vehicle dealers; owning, operating, or controlling a new motor vehicle dealership with some exceptions; operating a service facility for repair or maintenance not covered under the manufacturer's new car warranty and extended warranty policies; and using confidential information to unfairly compete with dealers.

SB 6249: PROVIDING A BASE STANDARD FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Gardner

SB 6249 was incorporated into HB 2400.

SSB 6373: CLARIFYING PROMOTIONAL CONTESTS OF CHANCE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Gardner

- ! The statute regarding promotional contests of chance is repealed and replaced by a new statute.

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- ! Promotional contests of chance are permitted as long as consideration (payment) or purchases are not required to participate. However, if a person makes a purchase, the business may give additional entries or chances as long as the business provides a free alternative method of entering the promotional contest.
- ! This exemption does not apply to direct mail solicitations.

SB 6431: ALLOWING FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION TO THE HORSE RACING COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Heavey (SB 2560 Representative Cody)

- ! The Horse Racing Commission is authorized to receive criminal history record information that includes nonconviction data for use in determining suitability for involvement in horse racing activities.
- ! The Horse Racing Commission is prohibited from disseminating or using nonconviction data for purposes other than investigations.
- ! This act terminates on June 30, 2003.

SB 6442: DEFINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Spanel (HB 2521 Representative Quall)

SSB 6442 was incorporated into SSB 6663.

ESSB 6455: PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF GEOLOGISTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Gardner (HB 3053 Representative Edmonds)

- ! A state Geologist Licensing Board is created. Requirements for becoming a licensed geologist are specified.
- ! A geologist's account is created in the custody of the State Treasurer. All fees and fines collected pursuant to this act are deposited in this account.
- ! In accordance with Initiative 695, the portion of the act pertaining to fees is referred to the people for their approval at the next general election.

SSB 6557: ALLOWING CREDIT UNIONS TO CONDUCT RAFFLES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Prentice (HB 2764 Representative Clements)

- ! Credit unions may conduct raffles for members of its organization where proceeds from raffles conducted during the calendar year do not exceed \$5,000.
- ! The use of the proceeds generated from raffles by credit unions are limited to the purposes authorized for charitable or nonprofit organizations under the gambling law.

SSB 6589: ALLOWING DOMESTIC WINERIES TO EXERCISE LICENSING PRIVILEGES AT UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Prentice

- ! A domestic winery may act as a distributor and/or retailer of wine of its own production. Currently, wineries may only exercise these privileges at the licensed winery site.
- ! A licensed domestic winery may serve wine tastings of its own products and sell wine of its own production at up to two additional locations.

! Each additional location must be approved by the Liquor Control Board but does not require additional licensing.

SB 6642: PREVENTING A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER FROM HOLDING A REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

! The Department of Licensing may deny, suspend, or revoke a license or certificate of a real estate appraiser who is required to register as a sex offender.

SSB 6663: PRESERVING FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING AND MINIMIZING THE INVOLUNTARY DISPLACEMENT OF TENANTS RESIDING IN SUCH HOUSING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wojahn

! An owner of federally assisted rental housing must give notice of the expiration of federal assistance to tenants and affected state and local government agencies.

! Owners are excused from the notice requirements if they enter into certain prescribed continuation agreements prior to the expiration of federal assistance.

! In a civil action to recover damages caused by non-compliance, statutory damages of fifty dollars may be recovered in addition to actual damages and costs of suit including reasonable attorneys fees.

The following provision from SB 6442 was incorporated into SSB 6663.

! The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development is directed to adopt rules that determine the percentage of household income that can be spent on total housing costs for projects that receive state or federal housing assistance.

SB 6678: REPEALING PARIMUTUEL WAGERING SUNSET PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rasmussen

! Consistent with the findings of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) sunset review, this legislation makes permanent the 50 percent parimutuel tax reduction and revenue redistribution initially enacted in 1998.

SSB 6687: ALLOWING PORT DISTRICTS TO ACQUIRE INSURANCE COVERAGE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Prentice

! Port districts may obtain, by bid or negotiation, owner controlled insurance for projects exceeding \$100 million.

! Port districts may also obtain insurance covering port commissioners, commissions, and employees who act in good faith in performance of their official duties.

! The act expires December 31, 2006.

SSB 6812: ALLOWING CONTRACT BREWING BY DOMESTIC BREWERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Prentice

! Beer and wine manufacturers, importers and distributors who sell to other distributors must file with the Liquor Control Board all contracts and memoranda reflecting the schedule of prices and other charges and discounts used in dealings with distributors. Prices must be uniform to all distributors and the charges cannot differ from those filed.

- ! An exception from price posting requirements is made for contract production of beer between a brand owner (brewer) and a licensed domestic brewery. The brand owner of contract-produced beer may not act as a distributor for its own product under a domestic brewery license.

HB 2353: ALLOWING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS TO BE SENT TO THE WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wood (SB 6145 Senator Prentice)

- ! Criminal justice agencies may release nonconviction related data to the Washington State Gambling Commission for purposes related to the commission's licensing responsibilities. Nonconviction data obtained by the commission can only be released to other criminal justice agencies.

SHB 2358: ALLOWING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO HIRE VENDORS TO CONDUCT FUND RAISING EVENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wood (SB 6339 Senator Prentice)

- ! Allows nonprofit and charitable organizations to hire a person or vendor licensed by the Gambling Commission to conduct fund raising events on behalf of the organization. The vendor charges a fixed fee determined prior to the event and may not share in the proceeds of the event.
- ! Wagers at the event are made with scrip or chips that participants may redeem for merchandise prizes at the end of the event. Members and guests of the organization are the only permitted participants at the fund raising event.

HB 2400: MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLES 18 AND 19 RCW

Prime Sponsor: Representative Constantine

- ! Technical and grammatical errors in Titles 18 (Business and Professions) and 19 (Miscellaneous Business and Professions) RCW are corrected.

The following provision from SB 6249 was incorporated into HB 2400:

- ! Statutory provisions allowing the Board of Accountancy to adopt rules regarding certified public accountants' continuing education standards are clarified that the rules must be at least as strict as the statutory requirements.

SHB 2410: PROTECTING CREDIT CARD USERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lovick

- ! A merchant cannot list more than the last five digits of the credit card account number or print the credit card expiration date on an electronically printed credit card receipt.
- ! Existing receipt printing machines have until 2004 to comply.

HB 2496: CREATING AN EXEMPTION FOR OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL HOLDERS THAT FURNISH WINE OR BEER TO NONPROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Delvin (SB 6444 Senator Prentice)

- ! Domestic wineries and breweries may furnish wine or beer without charge to nonprofit and charitable organizations.
- ! This bill allows out-of-state breweries and wineries to donate beer or wine at no charge to charitable and nonprofit organizations.

SHB 2590: EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE ON CERTAIN POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Benson (SB 6428 Senator Prentice)

- ! PLIA operates three main programs that include: the underground storage tank program; the pollution liability insurance program for heating oil tanks; and an advice and technical assistance program for active and abandoned heating oil tanks.
- ! Extends the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency's (PLIA) programs from June 1, 2000, until June 1, 2007.

HB 2600: CONTROLLING DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Santos

- ! A notice of disclaimer of affiliation must be filed with the appropriate insurer in addition to filing the notice with the Insurance Commissioner.

SHB 2633: REGISTERING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative B. Chandler

- ! In order to obtain a structural engineering registration prior to 1997, structural engineers were required to be registered as professional engineers.
- ! After a rules review process in 1997, this requirement was eliminated and new rules were created.
- ! The pre-1997 standards are adopted in statute, and structural engineering is recognized as a specialized branch of professional engineering.

HB 2657: ALLOWING A LICENSED DISTILLER TO HOLD A SPIRITS, BEER, AND WINE LICENSE

Prime Sponsor: Representative B. Chandler (SB 6473 Senator Jacobsen)

- ! An exception to the tied house law is created to allow a licensed distiller to hold a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license for the operation of a restaurant on the site of the distillery or on contiguous property.
- ! This exception is similar to the exception granted to breweries and wineries.

HB 2660: CHANGING RECORD CHECKS FOR THE STATE INVESTMENT BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Representative Huff (SB 6161 Senator Snyder)

- ! The State Investment Board must require criminal history record checks through the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for certain finalist candidates. The checks are required for finalists for exempt board staff positions and positions with authority for or access to board funds, data or security systems.

SHB 2792: PROTECTING PERSONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Haigh (SB 6686 Senator Patterson)

- ! Credit and debit card numbers, electronic check numbers, card expiration date, or bank or other financial account numbers supplied to an agency for the purposes of electronic transfer of funds are exempt from public disclosure and copying.
- ! Financial information and other identification numbers supplied for an application for a liquor, gambling, or lottery retailer license are also exempt from public disclosure and copying.

SHB 2846: PROVIDING CERTAIN NOTICES TO AGENTS OR BROKERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Benson

- ! A copy of the cancellation, renewal or non-renewal notice regarding an insurance policy must be sent to the agent or broker within five days of the notice being provided to the insured.
- ! The copy can be sent electronically.

HB 2848: SAFEGUARDING SECURITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hatfield (SB 6760 Senator Prentice)

- ! When an insurance company buys securities, the securities can be held by the insurance company itself, a bank or trust company, or a clearing corporation. The securities cannot be held by a broker/dealer for more than 72 hours after purchase.
- ! A double confirmation is required when securities are purchased by a broker/dealer.
- ! If the Insurance Commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that the insurance company's solvency is threatened the Insurance Commissioner may order the insurance company to transfer the securities to a custodian approved by the Commissioner.

HB 2868: ALLOWING ELECTRONIC WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ericksen

- ! Warehouse receipts may be issued electronically.

SHB 2886: MAKING REGULATION OF SERVICE CONTRACTS APPLICABLE TO SERVICE CONTRACTS ON CONSUMER PURCHASES ONLY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Barlean (SB 6701 Senator Prentice)

- ! The law regulating service contracts is limited to consumer purchases.
- ! "Consumer" means a purchase by an individual of tangible personal property primarily for personal, family, or household use.

ESHB 3045: CLARIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CLASS 1 RACING LICENSE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wood

- ! A horse racing licensee qualifies as a class 1 racing association and may simulcast horse races if it conducts live racing at least 40 days during a 12 month period.

- ! If a live race is canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the class 1 racing association, the canceled day counts toward the 40-day requirement for class 1 racing association status and the ability to simulcast horse races.
- ! A racing association may simulcast races to the live track facility for up to 14 hours a day, five days a week during the nonrace meet period where no live racing is being conducted.

ESJM 8015: REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AND WOMEN’S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES TO CERTIFY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES, INCLUDING THOSE OWNED BY DISABLED PERSONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Honeyford (HJM 4017 Representative Clements)

- ! Businesses owned and controlled by disabled persons are not classified as minority business enterprises.
- ! The Office of Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises is requested to add a new limited category for certification which includes businesses owned and controlled by disabled persons who can demonstrate social and economic disadvantage.

EDUCATION

786-7420

SB 6206: REQUIRING THAT SCHOOLS BE NOTIFIED OF FIREARM VIOLATIONS BY STUDENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Spanel

- ! Adds firearm and dangerous weapon violations to the list of offenses requiring notice to school principals.

ESSB 6559: NOTIFYING PARENTS OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS LEADING TO COLLEGE CREDIT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

- ! Beginning with the 2000-01 school year, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) must notify all high schools and public schools that include 9th grade students of the names and contact information of entities offering programs leading to college credit, if SPI has knowledge and the cost is minimal.
- ! Each senior high school and public schools that include 9th grade students must annually deliver to parents information about the entrance requirements and availability of programs leading to college credit.
- ! Programs leading to college credit include Running Start, Tech-prep, skill centers, and College in the High School, Advance Placement and International Baccalaureate programs.

E2SHB 1572: CREATING THE WASHINGTON CIVIL LIBERTIES PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wensman

- ! Creates a competitive grant program administered by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), the Washington Civil Liberties Public Education Program, to develop curriculum materials educating the public about the experiences of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II.
- ! SPI will provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 2002.

EHB 2760: PROMOTING STANDARDS FOR EDUCATOR QUALITY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Quall (SB 6668 Senator McAuliffe)

- ! Creates the Professional Educator Standards Board, composed of nineteen representatives of the educational community, to serve as an advisory body to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the sole advisory body to the State Board of Education on issues related to educator preparation, certification, professional development, assessment, governance, and evaluation.
- ! The Board will develop a teacher assessment system requiring basic skills and subject knowledge tests for residency certification.
- ! The Board will submit annual reports beginning December 1, 2000, to the Governor, Legislature, State Board of Education, and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Board will submit a separate report by December 1, 2000, recommending alternative routes to teacher certification.
- ! The Washington State Institute for Public Policy will submit a report to the Governor, Legislature, State Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction by January 1, 2001, including findings and recommendations on the Board's governance and authority.

SHB 2332: AUTHORIZING STUDENT GROUPS TO CONDUCT CHARITABLE FUND-RAISING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schual-Berke

- ! Authorizes student groups to raise money for scholarships, student exchanges, and charitable purposes.
- ! Requires that student-raised funds raised for private purposes must be held in trust in one or more separate accounts, and must only be used for the intended purpose.

SHB 2418: ESTABLISHING A WORLD WAR II ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Woods

- ! Creates the World War II Oral History Project, administered by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), to develop a K-12 curriculum documenting the history of Washington citizens who served in the armed forces during World War II, to the extent funds are appropriated or donated.
- ! Beginning December 1, 2000, SPI will provide annual reports to the Governor and the Legislature.

HB 2531: PROVIDING STATUTORY SUPPORT FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Doumit

- ! The Superintendent of Public Instruction must provide at least one full-time equivalent staff to provide statewide support for recognized career and technical student organizations, including Future Farmers of America; Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America; Skills USA; Distributive Education Clubs of America; Future Business Leaders of America; and the Technology Student Association.

SJM 8019: PETITIONING CONGRESS TO CONSIDER FORMULA GRANTS FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN ITS REAUTHORIZATION OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Eide (HJM 4024 Representative Schual-Berke)

- ! Requests the President and Congress to include grants to States for Gifted and Talented Education programs when reauthorizing the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

786-7455

SB 6366: PROHIBITING FALSE ADVERTISING THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Brown

- ! Clarifies that false or misleading advertising by electronic communication is illegal.

SB 6378: EXTENDING THE TENURE OF THE ENHANCED 911 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fraser (HB 2986 Representative Hatfield)

- ! Extends the life of the Enhanced 911 advisory committee to December 31, 2006.

SSB 6675: ALLOWING PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS AND RURAL PORT DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Brown (HB 2880 Representative Cooper)

- ! Currently, existing public utility districts (PUDs) and rural port districts may acquire and operate telecommunications facilities for their own internal telecommunications needs and to provide wholesale telecommunications services within the districts' limits. PUDs may additionally provide wholesale services within other PUDs' limits by contract.
- ! PUDs and rural port districts providing wholesale services must meet a variety of procedural and substantive requirements, including a public notice and hearing process, a referendum vote by the district under certain circumstances, ensuring that their rates are not discriminatory or preferential, being subject to review by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission under limited circumstances, keeping separate accountings of revenues and expenditures from their wholesale telecommunications activities, and charging themselves the true and full value of the services provided by their separate telecommunications functions to the district. Districts may not exercise powers of eminent domain to acquire telecommunications facilities or contractual rights to such facilities.
- ! A savings clause is included clarifying that PUDs and rural port districts may exercise any of the powers granted to them under their current enabling statutes and other applicable law, and that nothing in the bill limits any existing authority of the districts under such laws.

ESSB 6676: CONCERNING THE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN CITIES AND TOWNS

Prime Sponsors: Senators Finkbeiner and Brown (HB 2060 Representative DeBolt)

- ! Creates uniform laws for the use of municipal rights-of-way by telecommunications companies.
- ! Provides duties and procedures for permitting and relocation, wireless moratoriums, wireless fees, and the placement of additional conduit.

EHB 2334: MODIFYING ELECTRIC UTILITY NET-METERING SYSTEMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gombosky

- ! The definition of net metering systems is expanded to include systems generated by fuel cells. At least one half of the power that utilities accept from net metering customers must be reserved for customers using renewable net metering systems.

- ! Electric utilities may not require customer-generators to purchase additional liability insurance or pay for additional tests of their equipment if they comply with all requirements contained in current law.
- ! Electric utilities may not be held liable for allowing the attachment of a net metering system, or for the omission of a customer-generator, that causes loss or injury to any third party.

EHB 2565: PROVIDING FOR DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMERS REGARDING THE CHARACTERISTICS ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR ELECTRIC ENERGY PRODUCT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Poulsen (SB 6447 Senator Brown)

- ! Beginning in 2001, retail electricity suppliers must provide certain disclosures about the fuel mix they use to supply the electricity products they sell. The format and content of the labels is prescribed, and the frequency with which suppliers must provide the disclosures to customers is specified.
- ! The selection process and responsibilities for a regional "information coordinator" are specified. The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development must report to the Legislature by December 1, 2003, on certain implementation issues.

SHB 2644: RESTORING UNFINISHED NUCLEAR POWER SITES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Delvin (SB 6505 Senator Hale)

- ! The restriction against transferring site restoration responsibilities for unfinished nuclear reactor sites located on federal property to a political subdivision of the state is removed, and a definition of eligible political subdivisions is added.
- ! Clarifications are made as to which portions of a site can and must be released as well as how responsibilities for public health, safety, and welfare are to be transferred.

SHB 2649: GRANTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SERVICES THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wolfe (SB 6500 Senator Brown)

- ! The Department of Information Services is granted express authority to provide services to public benefit nonprofit organizations on a full cost recovery basis.

EHB 2755: CLARIFYING THE TAXATION OF WHOLESALE ELECTRICAL ENERGY SALES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gombosky (SB 6435 Senator Brown)

- ! Public utility tax deductions and business and occupation tax exemptions are expanded to include revenues earned from wholesale transactions of electrical energy for resale either within or outside the state. They apply regardless of whether the reseller is a light and power business or a power marketer or broker.

EHB 2881: ALLOWING NEW FORMS OF REGULATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Crouse (SB 6677 Senator Brown)

- ! Procedural and substantive changes are made to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's "alternative form of regulation" (AFOR) process.
- ! Changes are made to AFOR petitioning requirements, approval and withdrawal procedures, judicial appeal and complaint processes, and the commission's rescission and waiver powers.

HB 2926: REPEALING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON COAL TAX EXEMPTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative DeBolt (SB 6700 Senator Swecker)

- ! The requirement that at least 70 percent of the coal consumed at a thermal electric generation facility be produced by a local mine in order for the facility to qualify for a tax exemption is repealed.

HJM 4022: REQUESTING FULL FUNDING FOR A VITRIFICATION TREATMENT PLANT AT THE HANFORD SITE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Delvin (SJM 8020 Senator Loveland)

- ! The President and Congress are requested to provide full funding as necessary to build the Hanford vitrification plant, retrieve waste from the tanks, feed the waste into the plant, and dispose of the resulting glass logs on schedule to meet the negotiated dates contained in the Tri-Party Agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & WATER RESOURCES

786-7407

SSB 6210: MAKING TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS TO OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE STATUTES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fraser

- ! The oil spill prevention and response statutes are updated and internal references are corrected. Several outdated statutes are decodified or repealed.
- ! The Oil Spill Administration Account is renamed the Oil Spill Prevention Account.

ESSB 6277: AUTHORIZING COST-REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR LEASES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS

Prime Sponsor: Senator B. Sheldon

- ! State agencies are authorized to negotiate voluntary cost-reimbursement agreements with permit applicants for complex projects, which require an environmental impact statement.
- ! The agency is required to contract with an independent consultant to carry out the work under the agreement.
- ! An applicant for a water right may negotiate a cost-reimbursement agreement if the applicant agrees to pay for the processing of all pending permits affecting the same water source.

SSB 6349: EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE WATER WELL DELEGATION PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Eide

- ! Authority for the Department of Ecology to delegate administration and enforcement of water well tagging, sealing, and decommissioning to local health districts or counties is extended until June 30, 2006.

SB 6456: REVISING PROVISIONS FOR LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach (HB 2769 Representative Hurst)

SB 6456 was incorporated into SHB 3099 (see Ways & Means page 61)

E2SHB 2420: PROVIDING FOR OIL AND GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Linville (SB 6441 Senator Spanel)

- ! The Governor is encouraged to seek changes to federal law that allow the state greater authority to improve the safety of hazardous liquid and natural gas pipelines.
- ! The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) must develop and implement a comprehensive hazardous liquid pipeline safety program. The UTC and the Department of Ecology (DOE) must seek federal authority to act as federal agents to inspect and enforce federal law, and seek authority to adopt safety standards over interstate hazardous liquid pipelines.
- ! The UTC must transfer all powers and duties related to hazardous liquid pipelines to DOE if: (1) the federal interstate pipeline preemption is lifted, or (2) interstate pipeline authority is granted to DOE.
- ! The UTC will require companies to provide maps of their pipelines, including installation-depth information when known. The UTC also develops a statewide geographical information system.

- ! A 13-member Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety is created to advise governmental entities on pipeline safety. Technical advisory committees may also be created.
- ! The UTC will cause a one-number excavator referral-service to be established and establish minimum standards and best management practices.
- ! The pipeline company must consult with an excavator, on-site, when excavation is to occur near a hazardous liquid or natural gas pipeline. If the pipeline is uncovered, the company must inspect the pipeline for damage prior to reburial.
- ! The Washington State Patrol must evaluate first responders, assess equipment and personnel, and develop a training curriculum.
- ! Additional penalties are created for the destruction or removal of pipeline signs and the failure to notify the one-call number which subsequently cause damage to a pipeline.
- ! A petroleum pipeline wholly located on the pipeline owner's property is exempt from regulation.

SHB 2670: AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR GOVERNMENTS MAINTAINING LANDFILLS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Delvin (SB 6524 Senator Hale)

- ! Authorizes alternative funding mechanisms to assure landfill closure for landfills operated and maintained by governments. These mechanisms include trust funds, surety bonds, letters of credit, insurance policies and corporate guarantees.
- ! The state Solid Waste Advisory Committee will direct a study on the adequacy of financing alternatives to assure closure at each landfill.

E2SHB 2867: PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF RESERVOIR PERMITS TO STORE AND RECOVER WATER IN AN UNDERGROUND GEOLOGICAL FORMATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Linville

- ! Underground geological formations used for underground artificial storage and recovery projects are included as "reservoirs" in the water code.
- ! The Department of Ecology must establish standards for review and mitigation of underground artificial storage and recovery projects.
- ! The department must report to the Legislature by December 31, 2001, regarding underground artificial storage and recovery project standards and the status of applications for projects.

SSJM 8017: REQUESTING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING PIPELINE SAFETY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Spanel (HJM 4019 Representative Reardon)

- ! Congress is requested to allow states to adopt and enforce stricter pipeline standards; allow states to seek authority to administer and enforce the federal pipeline laws; increase funding to ensure pipeline safety; and for funding to respond to pipeline accident emergencies.
- ! The President is requested to direct the federal Office of Pipeline Safety to grant qualified states the authority to enforce federal pipeline standards.

HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

786-7747

SSB 5590: EXPANDING THE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO MAY REQUEST ADMINISTRATION OF ORAL MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Thibaudeau

- ! School personnel may administer oral medications to students if prescriptions are signed by any licensed health care professionals prescribing within their scope of practice.

SB 5739: PREPARING CERTIFICATES OF DEATH OR FETAL DEATH

Prime Sponsor: Senator Thibaudeau

- ! Physician assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners may certify death or fetal death certificates that are presented to them by a funeral director or other person in charge of interment.

SSB 5776: EXPANDING ACCESS TO CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Franklin (HB 1847 Conway)

SSB 5776 was incorporated into 2SSB 6199.

SSB 5805: COMPLETING THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Thibaudeau

- ! Advanced registered nurse practitioners may prescribe up to a 72-hour supply of schedules II through IV drugs of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act under joint practice arrangements with physicians.

ESSB 5813: REQUIRING THIRD-PARTY PAYORS TO DESIGNATE A LICENSED MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR ITS COVERAGE DECISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Thibaudeau (HB 1944 Representative Parlette)

ESSB 5813 was incorporated into 2SSB 6199.

3SSB 5848: PROVIDING INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THE BASIC HEALTH PLAN

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

3SSB 5848 was incorporated into E2SSB 6067.

E2SSB 6067: MODIFYING PROVISIONS CONCERNING ACCESS TO INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Thibaudeau

- ! Modifications are made in the laws governing the sale of health insurance, primarily with regard to individual plans. The obligations imposed on carriers, and the limitations which carriers are allowed to impose on enrollees, are changed. Public programs which offer insurance coverage to individuals are altered.

The following provisions from 3SSB 5848 are incorporated in E2SSB 6067:

- ! The Health Care Authority (HCA) is given more flexibility to design and deliver the subsidized basic health plan (BHP) in a way that assures access to covered health services. Among the methods authorized is a self-insured approach which the HCA may use if funding is available in the BHP self-insurance reserve account, and specified conditions are met regarding price.

SB 6121: CONTINUING THE DIABETES COST REDUCTION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wojahn

- ! The Diabetes Cost Reduction Act requires carriers who provide health insurance coverage which includes pharmacy benefits to provide specified coverage for diabetic persons. Absent legislative action, the Act will terminate on June 30, 2001.
- ! This bill repeals the termination of the Diabetes Cost Reduction Act.

SB 6172: ALLOWING MINORS TO DONATE BONE MARROW

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fraser (HB 2681 Representative Wolfe)

- ! A person's status as a minor cannot disqualify him or her from bone marrow donation.

2SSB 6199: ADOPTING A PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wojahn (HB 2331 Representative Campbell)

- ! Obligations are imposed on health carriers regarding the confidentiality of enrollee treatment information, the disclosure of health plan coverage information to enrollees and potential enrollees, enrollee access to health care providers, and internal grievance procedures.
- ! Health plan enrollees are permitted to have any decision of a carrier which denies or limits coverage reviewed by an independent review organization.
- ! A health carrier is liable for any harm caused by its negligent denial or delay of a medically necessary health care service to an enrollee. However, an enrollee may not sue a carrier absent substantial harm, and without having first sought review of the carrier's decision from an independent review organization.

The following provisions from SSB 5776 are incorporated in 2SSB 6199:

- ! Health plan enrollees must be given direct access to covered chiropractic care, without the need for a referral. Carriers are not precluded from utilizing managed care and other cost containment techniques with regard to this care.

The following provisions from ESSB 5813 are incorporated in 2SSB 6199:

- ! Each health carrier, and state operated health insurance programs, must designate a medical director who is a licensed physician in Washington State.

SSB 6213: REQUIRING GUIDELINES FOR THE RESPONSE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO DIRECTIVES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Deccio

- ! The Department of Health, which licenses emergency services personnel, must develop a simple form to be used statewide that the emergency services personnel recognize as prescriptive of the kind of care he or she should provide to a patient when the patient has a written directive or durable power of attorney.

SSB 6233: CHANGING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wojahn

- ! Management guidelines are provided for the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund.

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- ! The governing board's responsibilities are clarified.
- ! The State Investment Board will manage the funds.

SSB 6382: PROTECTING DEPENDENT PERSONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Thibault (HB 2509 Representative O'Brien)

- ! The crime of criminal mistreatment in the third degree is created. The crime is committed when a person who is caring for a dependent person negligently causes or creates a risk of substantial bodily harm by withholding basic necessities. The crime is a gross misdemeanor.

SSB 6502: CHANGING PROVISIONS ON LONG-TERM CARE TRAINING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Winsley (HB 2636 Representative Schual-Berke)

- ! Training requirements are increased for people who provide care in community long-term care facilities. Training for caregivers will now include orientation, basic and specialized competencies and continuing education. Methods for expanding access to training will include innovative approaches. The Department of Social and Health Services will appoint a steering committee to advise on the details of developing training programs.

SB 6714: ESTABLISHING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Thibault

SB 6714 was incorporated into HB 2452.

SHB 1218: MODIFYING PROVISIONS RELATED TO NURSE DELEGATION OF TASKS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

- ! The authority for nurses to delegate nursing tasks to unlicensed care givers is expanded to include all boarding homes and tasks which they decide are safe to delegate.

EHB 1711: CONCERNING THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH THE HOSPITAL LICENSING PROCESS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Campbell (SB 5540 Senator Deccio)

- ! The Department of Health (DOH) information on licensed hospitals is subject to public disclosure. In the past, all information on hospitals at DOH was confidential. Peer review and quality assurance information is still exempt from public disclosure, but DOH is authorized to inspect and audit hospital's peer review and quality assurance programs.

HB 2031: INCLUDING MIDWIVES IN WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ruderman (SB 5920 Senator Costa)

- ! Washington State law mandates that health insurance carriers provide women with direct access to certain types of women's health care providers, without prior referral from a primary care provider or gatekeeper.
- ! This bill adds licensed midwives to the list of women's health care providers that women may directly access.

ESHB 2380: CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES CONCERNING BOARDING HOMES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody (SB 6398 Senator Costa)

- ! The regulation of boarding homes is permanently placed within the department of social and health services. The minimum number of beds that can be licensed as a boarding home is raised from three to six. A boarding home advisory board is established.

HB 2452: MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATUTES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody (SB 6221 Senator Thibaudeau)

- ! The Department of Health statutes relating to health professions were amended to clarify provisions and rulemaking authority, and to make necessary changes to professional titles.

The following provision was incorporated from SB 6714:

- ! Respiratory care practitioners are required to complete thirty hours of continuing education.

SHB 2454: PROVIDING A PROGRAM TO SUPPORT FAMILY AND OTHER UNPAID LONG-TERM CAREGIVERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Edmonds (SB 6546 Senator Costa)

- ! A statewide program to support family and unpaid caregivers is established. The program will provide respite care, support groups, access to long-term care information, and other essential services.

HB 2510: MODIFYING HOME HEALTH, HOME CARE, HOSPICE, AND IN-HOME SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Edmonds (SB 6518 Senator Wojahn)

- ! Three separate license categories for home health, home care and hospice are combined into a single license category called "in-home services." A new hospice license category for "hospice care center" is established.

ESHB 2798: REQUIRING LEGIBLE PRESCRIPTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lambert

- ! Prescriptions for legend drugs must be written legibly.
- ! A "legible prescription" is defined as "a prescription that is capable of being read and understood by the pharmacist filling the prescription or the nurse implementing the medication order."
- ! The Department of Health, in conjunction with appropriate licensing boards, must develop recommendations on reducing medication errors and report these recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 2000.

HB 3005: ALLOWING FOR GREATER CORONARY HEALTH CARE IN CERTAIN RURAL AREAS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Grant

- ! The Department of Health must adopt in rule a revised methodology to apply in its review of certificate of need applications for certain cardiology-related health services.
- ! The department is to report to the Legislature on the development of the new methodology by July 1, 2000.

HB 3154: MODIFYING PROVISIONS CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

- ! Clarifying language is added, and technical corrections are made, to the individual health insurance legislation passed during the 2000 legislative session (E2SSB 6067).
- ! Issues addressed include: the selection process for the board of the Washington State Health Insurance Pool; the waiver by carriers, in certain circumstances, of any preexisting condition waiting period; and the exemption of those who have exhausted their COBRA benefits from the standard health questionnaire.

SJR 8214: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW CERTAIN TRUST FUND MONEYS TO BE INVESTED AS AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wojahn

- ! Requests that an amendment to the state's Constitution be submitted to the voters of the state allowing the Developmental Disabilities Endowment Trust Fund be invested as authorized by law.

HIGHER EDUCATION

786-7419

SSB 5330: TREATING ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL AS RESIDENTS FOR PURPOSE OF HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Brown

- ! Active duty military personnel stationed in Washington will now pay tuition and fees to state colleges and universities at the resident student rate.

SB 6010: CREATING OPERATING FEES WAIVERS NOT SUPPORTED BY STATE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator West

- ! Public institutions of higher education are given the flexibility to waive a portion or all of tuition for reasons of their own choosing without receiving general fund support beyond the caps set in statute.

SB 6770: ALLOWING EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY AWARDS TO BE USED FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

- ! The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges administers the Washington Community College Exceptional Faculty Awards Program, a matching grant program in increments of \$25,000.
- ! Proceeds from the endowment fund may now be used for development activities for the faculty as a whole.

2SSB 6811: PROVIDING FOR SICK LEAVE AND LEAVE SHARING FOR PART-TIME ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES AT COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

- ! Guarantees that all part-time instructors earn and can use sick leave at any state community or technical college. Hours granted by colleges must be proportional to the benefit negotiated for full-time faculty but not until existing collective bargaining agreements expire.
- ! Allows sick leave to be shared between part-time instructors and other qualified college employees subject to limits that apply to other state employees.
- ! Allows for the redemption of sick leave by part-time instructors under the state's attendance incentive program.

SHB 2022: EXPANDING THE NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schindler

- ! Since 1994, members of the Washington National Guard, who are under the rank of captain, are residents of Washington, and are attending an accredited Washington institution of higher education, have been eligible for a conditional scholarship not to exceed the cost of the undergraduate tuition and fees at the University of Washington plus an allowance for books and supplies. Recipients must serve one additional year for each year of scholarship.
- ! Residency is no longer an eligibility requirement for the conditional scholarship.

SHB 2367: INCLUDING HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE WORK ACTIVITY DEFINITION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kenney

(SB 6558 Senator Kohl-Welles)

- ! Under the WorkFirst program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients are required to engage in work-related activities.
- ! The definition of work activity is expanded to include work study experience and practicums or internships often required in certain vocational or professional programs.
- ! Work study may not exceed 24 months. Practicums and internships may not exceed 12 months and must be required to complete a course of vocational training or to obtain a license or certificate in a high demand field as determined by the Employment Security Department.

HB 2375: ADDRESSING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LITERACY AT BACCALAUREATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lantz

- ! Establishes a work group to develop definitions, standards, strategies and financial assessment of requiring graduates with baccalaureate degrees to demonstrate information technology literacy.
- ! A progress report will be delivered to the Legislature in January 2001.
- ! In January 2002, the report will include institutionally specific plans for implementation of a pilot program.

EHB 2559: CHANGING ADVANCED COLLEGE TUITION PAYMENT PROGRAM PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Carlson

(SB 6425 Senator McAuliffe)

- ! The Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program is modified to make it consistent with IRS rules.
- ! The oversight committee is expanded from three to five members.
- ! Money in a GET account is private money and is not subject to the restrictions placed on financial aid monies.

HB 2722: EXCLUDING EXEMPT POSITIONS FROM BARGAINING UNITS OF EMPLOYEES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNED BY CHAPTER 41.56 RCW

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kenney

(SB 6526 Senator Kohl-Welles)

- ! The exemptions in the civil service law are incorporated into the public employees collective bargaining law.
- ! This change in the law will only affect certain bargaining units at the University of Washington.

HB 2904: EXPANDING GEOGRAPHIC ELIGIBILITY FOR THE BORDER COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PILOT PROJECT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Carlson

- ! Under the provisions of the Border County Higher Education Opportunity Pilot Project, residents of Oregon who have resided in Columbia, Multnomah, Clatsop, or Washington counties for at least 90 days are eligible to pay resident tuition rates if they enroll in community college programs located in the Washington counties of Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, or Pacific. Residents of the four Oregon counties who enroll in courses at the Vancouver branch of Washington State University for eight credits or less may do so at the resident rates.
- ! The Pilot Project is expanded to include residents of Clackamas County, Oregon.

EHB 2952: REQUIRING A STUDY OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Edmonds

- ! The Higher Education Coordinating Board, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, Office of Financial Management, and the state institutions of higher education, working collaboratively, must conduct a study regarding distance education and report back to the Legislature no later than January 2001.

ESSCR 8425: ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD'S YEAR 2000 UPDATE OF THE MASTER PLAN

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

(HCR 4427 Representative Kenney)

- ! The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) master plan, as modified by the Legislature, is adopted and the Board is directed to communicate regularly with the appropriate legislative committees and the Governor.
- ! The HECB is directed to reexamine assumptions regarding not only upper-division enrollments but also the capital needs of the community and technical colleges and the four-year institutions, including the branch campuses.
- ! The HECB, in consultation with the Office of Financial Management, and in collaboration with all Washington higher education institutions and the appropriate legislative committees, is directed to prepare an enrollment accommodation plan.

HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

786-7436

ESSB 6217: CHANGING PROVISIONS RELATING TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

- ! Technical and clarifying changes are made to the dependency statute.

ESSB 6218: MAKING TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE FAMILY RECONCILIATION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

- ! Technical changes are made to the family reconciliation act.

SSB 6621: CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Costa

- ! Creates a task force with broad representation to examine whether adoption of the revised Interstate Compact on Adult Offender Supervision is in the best interests of the state.

SSB 6244: EXTENDING JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING PENALTY ASSESSMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Costa

- ! Extends the length of court jurisdiction over a juvenile ordered to pay a victim penalty assessment.

The following provision from SB 6246 was incorporated in SSB 6244:

- ! The triggering event for assessment of the victim penalty assessment is the date of the person's conviction.

ESSB 6305: CHANGING PROVISIONS RELATING TO GUARDIANS AD LITEM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Franklin

- ! A number of statutory provisions governing guardians ad litem (GAL) who represent children or incapacitated adults are amended to implement the recommendations of a task force directed to assess policy concerns related to abuses in the GAL system.

SSB 6336: ELIMINATING RETROACTIVE TOLLING PROVISIONS FOR RESTITUTION/LEGAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND ALLOWING TOLLING FOR OTHER FORMS OF SUPERVISION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove (HB 2511 Representative Ballasiotes)

- ! Restores community supervision and community placement to the self-executing language of the tolling provision.
- ! Offenders who commit crimes after July 1, 2000, are under court jurisdiction for their legal financial obligations until the obligations are completely satisfied.
- ! A child support legal financial obligation for any child born as the result of a child rape is enforceable for either the civil or the criminal enforcement period, whichever ends latter.

SSB 6361: PROTECTING CHILDREN AT THE STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Zarelli

- ! Requires the state schools for the deaf and blind to protect the students from abuse and neglect and promote and protect student safety.
- ! Includes training requirements for both new and existing staff. Allows both schools to not accept or retain a student who is an adjudicated sex offender.

SSB 6375: CLARIFYING TIMELINES, INFORMATION SHARING, AND EVIDENTIARY STANDARDS IN MENTAL HEALTH COMPETENCY PROCEDURES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Long

- ! Clarifies when a competency evaluator must include an opinion, whether the defendant should be evaluated for civil commitment, and the timelines for competency restoration and civil commitment evaluation.
- ! Establishes a procedure for a court to determine whether a past conviction, guilty plea, or not guilty by reason of insanity finding was for a crime that was a violent act.

ESSB 6389: EXTENDING JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION OVER PERMANENCY PLANNING MATTERS IN DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Stevens

- ! Allows a juvenile court hearing a dependency matter under RCW 13.34 to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over a third party custody matter under RCW 26.10.
- ! This exercise of jurisdiction may occur if it is necessary to implement a permanency plan of care for the child in the dependency matter and the parents and petitioner in the custody action agree.

ESSB 6487: PROVIDING FOR THE RELEASE OF MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Long

(HB 2513 Representative Ballasiotes)

- ! Authorizes mental health providers to share mental health information on offenders with the Department of Corrections (DOC). Limits DOC's disclosure of mental health information on offenders and prohibits DOC from disclosing offenders' mental health information to the public for the purpose of supervising, monitoring and reporting offender behavior to DOC.

ESB 6555: ORDERING A STUDY OF EVALUATIONS OF CHILDREN NEEDING LONG-TERM CARE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Long

- ! Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to report to the Legislature beginning December 31, 2000, prospectively on the number of children evaluated within the first 30 days of placement for their long term placement needs.
- ! DSHS must refer the to the foster care assessment program the number of children for which they have been funded. If it does not, it must explain to the Legislature why it has not.

SB 6570: PROVIDING ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL AUTHORITY IN TRUANCY PETITIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

- ! Juvenile courts are authorized to: 1) set minimum school attendance requirements; 2) treat a minor's suspension from school as an unexcused absence; and 3) order a minor who has tested positive to drug or alcohol use, to abstain from further use, at no expense to the minor's school.

SSB 6722: RESTRICTING DISCLOSURE OF UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

SSB 6722 was incorporated into SHB 2372.

ESSB 6761: AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN ANY OTHER STATE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove;

(HB 2963 Representative Ballasiotes)

- ! The Department of Corrections (DOC) may transfer offenders out of state to both governmental and private facilities and contract with those facilities for housing the offenders when a transfer is in the best interest of the state or the offender.
- ! DOC must notify registered victims who are affected by an offender's transfer to another state.

SHB 2345: REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES TO ADOPT RULES FOR OVERSIGHT AND OPERATION OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative O'Brien

(SB 6207 Hargrove)

- ! Grants the secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services specific rulemaking authority for the special commitment center for sexually violent predators.

SHB 2372: REGULATING DETENTION OF CHILDREN WITHIN SECURE FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

- ! Allows courts to confine youth held in contempt in a secure crisis residential center but only if the center is located within a juvenile detention facility.

The following provision from SB 6722 was incorporated into SHB 2372:

- ! Prohibits Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) from releasing unfounded allegations of child abuse or neglect to a child-placing agency, private adoption agency or any other licensed provider.

EHB 2424: CHANGING PROVISIONS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR MONITORING SEX OFFENDERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ballasiotes

(SB 6308 Senator Hargrove)

- ! Responds to federal sex offender registration requirements by requiring quarterly address verification for sexually violent predators, requiring out of state registration within ten days, and prohibiting courts to relieve specified sex offenders from the duty to register.

SHB 2491: PROVIDING A PROCEDURE TO CONDUCT DNA TESTING OF EVIDENCE FOR PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schindler

(SB 6498 Senator McCaslin)

- ! Persons who have been convicted of life imprisonment or death may make a post conviction request for DNA testing to the County Prosecutor. The person has a right of appeal with the Attorney General's Office.
- ! A prosecutor may file a criminal charge against a person identified by a genetic code, rather than by the individual's name.

HB 2520: CHANGING TERMINOLOGY IN THE RELEASE FROM COMMITMENT OF PERSONS IN MENTAL TREATMENT FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schual-Berke

(SB 6439 Senator Long)

- ! This technical act clarifies the distinction between a person's legal status and his or her medical status when the person has been involuntarily committed for mental health treatment.

2SHB 2637: REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS ON PERSONS WHO WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH VULNERABLE ADULTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tokuda

- ! The Department of Social and Health Services is required to review criminal background check information for an additional category of state employees who have contact with vulnerable adults.
- ! A 120 day permit for temporary employment is available from the department to persons who clear a state background check, but are waiting for clearance under a federal check.

The following provision from SB 6401 is incorporated into 2SHB 2637:

- ! Fingerprint checks are required for individual providers or home care agency providers who have access to vulnerable adults if they have not lived in state for more than three years.

2SHB 2663: CREATING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ATYPICAL ANTIPSYCHOTIC MEDICATIONS TO UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Alexander

- ! The Department of Social and Health services is directed to request proposals that improve access to atypical antipsychotic medications, which are used to treat schizophrenia and other neurological conditions. The proposals shall direct medications to target populations who are utilizing high cost services such as inpatient treatment and incarceration, and to people who do not have available coverage for the medications.
- ! The Washington Institute for Public Policy is required to conduct an evaluation of the proposals once implemented and report outcomes to the Legislature in January 2002.

HB 2684: CLARIFYING WHAT RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative D. Sommers

(SB 6438 Senator Hargrove)

- ! An exception to federal confidentiality laws for education records is added to statute, and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is required to add education records as information provided in the passport for foster children.

! DSHS must hold harmless a provider who releases records to the department.

HB 2750: INCLUDING PREVENTION FOR POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AS A CORE TREATMENT SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Prime Sponsor: Representative D. Schmidt (SB 6703 Senator Costa)

- ! The Washington State Victims of Sexual Assault Act of 1979 (Act) requires the state to provide services for sexual assault victims and potential victims. Services under the Act are divided into two categories: core and specialized.
- ! "Prevention" education is redefined as a core service, making federal funds available to ensure that prevention education services are accessible to all communities.

HB 2853: CONFORMING THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND WITH THE FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wolfe

- ! Current law is amended to reflect changes required by the 1998 federal amendments to the Rehabilitation Act.
- ! The advisory council is renamed the rehabilitation council. Council membership is expanded, membership term limits are adjusted, and the council's duties and responsibilities are broadened.

SHB 2899: DEVELOPING A WORKPLACE SAFETY PLAN FOR STATE HOSPITALS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Conway (SB 6682 Senator Costa)

- ! State hospitals must perform a safety assessment and develop a workplace safety plan to reduce incidents of workplace violence by November 1, 2000, and implement it by January 1, 2001.
- ! Prior to assignment to a patient unit, state hospitals must provide employees with workplace safety training in addition to other training.
- ! Beginning July 1, 2000, state hospitals must keep records on incidents of violent acts and maintain the records for five years.
- ! The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) must report on the development of the safety plan and provide a copy to the Legislature. Following implementation, DSHS must provide an annual report on its efforts.

HB 2807: AUTHORIZING BLENDED FUNDING PROJECTS FOR YOUTH

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

- ! The Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to facilitate the development of blended funding projects.
- ! The public health and safety networks as well as the family policy council must be involved in the process.

SHB 2912: REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS) TO MAINTAIN RECORDS ON CHILDREN IN STATE CUSTODY WHO ARE USING PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Boldt

- ! DSHS must report by December 15, 2000, on children in out-of-home care for more than 90 days in fiscal year 1999 who are receiving psychotropic medications or other medication to control behavior.

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SSB 6071: INCREASING PENALTIES FOR HIT AND RUN WHERE AN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rossi

- ! In the case of an accident resulting in death, the vehicle operator who does not remain at the scene to provide information and reasonable assistance is guilty of a class B felony ranked at level VIII on the sentencing grid.
- ! Juveniles who commit the offense are guilty of a B+ offense.

SB 6138: MODIFYING DISCLAIMER OF INTERESTS UNDER THE PROBATE AND TRUST LAWS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Johnson

- ! The Washington Probate Code is amended to protect against an inadvertent waiver by a beneficiary of the right to disclaim any interest in property he or she would be entitled to receive under a will or other bequest or operation of law.

SB 6139: MODIFYING ESTATE TAX APPORTIONMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Johnson

- ! References in the Washington estate tax apportionment statute to a repealed section of the Internal Revenue Code are deleted and a provision is added incorporating the Internal Revenue Code definition of "qualified family owned business interest."

SB 6140: UPDATING PROBATE AND TRUST LAWS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Johnson

- ! The Washington Probate Code is updated by providing that any references in wills or trusts to a prior section of the Internal Revenue Code are deemed to refer to the comparable section of the revised Internal Revenue Code.

SSB 6182: SPECIFYING THE EFFECT THAT CHANGES IN LAW WILL HAVE ON SENTENCING PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator McCaslin

- ! Any sentence imposed under the Sentencing Reform Act is determined using the law in effect when the current offense was committed.

SSB 6186: REVISING ARTICLE 9 OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Heavey

- ! Washington's current version of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Article 9, which deals with security interest in all property other than land, is repealed and replaced with a revised UCC Article 9 which incorporates a number of significant changes.
- ! The scope of Article 9 is expanded and a simplified system of filing financing statements is provided.

SB 6190: PROMOTING EXPEDITIOUS RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC USE DISPUTES IN EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Patterson

- ! County eminent domain proceedings are given precedence over all other court cases except criminal cases.
- ! A legislative study group consisting of two members from each caucus of the Senate and the House of Representatives is created for the purpose of studying the use of eminent domain and ways to expedite resolution of public use disputes in eminent domain proceedings.

SB 6223: REORGANIZING SENTENCING PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

- ! The primary determinate sentencing statute is divided into 42 separate sections.
- ! No provision makes a substantive change to the Sentencing Reform Act.
- ! It is clarified that persistent offenders are not eligible for extraordinary medical placement.

SB 6246: MAKING RETROACTIVE THE INCREASE IN VICTIM PENALTY ASSESSMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Costa

Substantial portions of SB 6246 are incorporated into SSB 6244. (Human Services page 26)

2SSB 6255: PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION AND STORAGE OF ANHYDROUS AMMONIA

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rasmussen (HB 2746 Representative Schoesler)

- ! Theft of anhydrous ammonia is made a class C felony, ranked at level VIII on the sentencing grid.
- ! Storage of anhydrous ammonia in unapproved containers is made a class C felony, ranked at level VI on the sentencing grid. Approved containers include those constructed to meet standards determined by federal Department of Transportation or other state and federal industrial health and safety standards. Persons authorized under state law to cleanup and dispose of hazardous waste are exempted from the unlawful storage provisions.
- ! Possession of anhydrous ammonia with intent to manufacture methamphetamine is made a class B felony, ranked at level VIII on the sentencing grid.
- ! Persons who unlawfully possess or store anhydrous ammonia are solely responsible for any damage they cause. Lawful manufacturers, sellers, possessors and users are liable only for damages caused by negligent misconduct.

SSB 6260: INCREASING PENALTIES FOR MANUFACTURING A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rasmussen

- ! A person convicted of manufacturing methamphetamine, or possession of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, receives a 24-month sentence enhancement in addition to the standard sentence if the underlying crime was committed when a person under the age of 18 was present in or upon the premises.
- ! The prosecutor must plead the special allegation and prove it beyond a reasonable doubt.

ESSB 6295: CHANGING GARNISHMENT PROCEEDINGS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Heavey

- ! Any legal fees charged to the plaintiff in a garnishment proceeding can be included in the amount garnished. Payments in superior court are made through the court clerk while payments in district court are made directly to the plaintiff. A standardized Judgment and Order to Pay form is created.
- ! If a defendant or third party attempts to pay off a judgment during the pendency of a garnishment, the costs and attorney fees incurred in the garnishment must also be paid.

SSB 6351: PROVIDING ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kline (HB 2504 Representative Constantine)

- ! The statutory authority of superior court commissioners is expanded to allow them to preside over a number of adult felony proceedings including arraignments, probable cause determinations, appointment of counsel, bail hearings, waiver of speedy trial rights and noncompliance proceedings.

E2SSB 6400: CHANGING PROVISIONS RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wojahn (HB 2402 Representative Ballasiotes)

- ! The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is authorized to seek orders for protection on behalf of and with the consent of vulnerable adults.
- ! Courts are authorized to order parties not to come within specified distances of locations in dissolution, paternity, nonparental actions for custody, and order for protection cases.
- ! Felony violations of domestic violence protection orders are assigned to a seriousness level V on the sentencing grid.

SSB 6459: PROHIBITING THE USE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION TO SOLICIT UNDESIRE MAIL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bauer

- ! A new crime is created making it a misdemeanor to knowingly use identifying information of another person to solicit undesired mail directed to that person.

E2SSB 6683: REPORTING INFORMATION ON ROUTINE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Franklin (HB 2902 Representative Veloria)

- ! The Washington State Patrol is required to collect data on all traffic stops, including the total number of stops, the race or ethnicity, age, and gender of individuals stopped, whether there was a search and whether there was an arrest or citation issued. A report on this data must be made to the Legislature by December 1, 2000.
- ! A report concerning voluntary collection of racial profiling data by local law enforcement agencies must be made to the Legislature by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs by December 1, 2000.

SB 6741: ADDING THE SECRETARY OF CORRECTIONS TO THE ORGANIZED CRIME ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Senator Horn

- ! The secretary of the Department of Corrections is added as another member to the Organized Crime Advisory Board of the state of Washington.

SHB 2320: AUTHORIZING AND APPLYING ELECTRONIC NOTICE AND PROXIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lantz

- ! The Nonprofit Mutual and Miscellaneous Corporations Act is amended to authorize notices of meetings, proxy appointments and voting by electronic transmission if permitted by a corporation's bylaws or articles of incorporation.

SHB 2321: AUTHORIZING THE TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRONIC PROXY APPOINTMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Esser

- ! The Washington Business Corporation Act, which governs for profit corporations, is amended to allow corporate shareholders to make proxy appointments by electronic transmission.

EHB 2322: AMENDING THE PARTNERSHIP AND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Esser

- ! Changes are made to the Limited Liability Company Act and the Limited Partnership Act relating to the length of existence, dissolution, and withdrawal of members, managers or partners.
- ! These changes bring these statutes into conformance with current Internal Revenue Service regulations and other state laws and correct technical problems.

HB 2328: DECREASING FILING FEES FOR PETITION FOR UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lantz

- ! Both district court and superior court have jurisdiction over petitions regarding unlawful harassment, but petitions in cases where the respondent is under the age of 18, must be heard in superior court.
- ! The current filing fee for cases filed in superior court is \$110. The bill reduces the superior court filing fee for anti-harassment petitions to \$41, the same as the district court filing fee.

HB 2329: CHANGING DESCRIPTIONS IN JUDGMENTS INVOLVING REAL PROPERTY

Prime Sponsor: Representative McDonald

- ! The description of real property on a judgment summary may be either an abbreviated legal description of the property or the assessor's tax parcel or account number.

ESHB 2337: ORDERING IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATE-WIDE CITY AND COUNTY JAIL BOOKING AND REPORTING SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ballasiotes (SB 6390 Senator Goings)

- ! The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) implements and operates a statewide central booking and reporting system by December 31, 2001.
- ! The system is placed on the Washington Judicial Information Network and is capable of communicating electronically with every city and county jail and all Washington criminal justice agencies.
- ! WASPC is responsible for pursuing federal funding for the system.

HB 2339: RANKING THE PENALTY FOR FOREIGN PROTECTION ORDER VIOLATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative O'Brien (SB 6268 Senator Kohl-Welles)

- ! Felony violations of foreign protection orders are ranked seriousness level V for the purposes of the Sentencing Reform Act.
- ! Felony violations of foreign protection orders are categorized as crimes against persons.

EHB 2340: PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL OF OFFENDERS FROM THE DRUG OFFENDER SENTENCING ALTERNATIVE WHO ARE SUBJECT TO A DEPORTATION ORDER

Prime Sponsor: Representative O'Brien (SB 6222 Senator Costa)

- ! Offenders may be administratively terminated from the Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative (DOSA) program if it is determined, after sentencing, that they are subject to a deportation order.
- ! All offenders terminated from the DOSA program serve the remaining balance of the original sentence, as well as a period of community custody.

HB 2407: AUTHORIZING JUDGES PRO TEMPORE WHENEVER A JUDGE SERVES ON A COMMISSION, BOARD, OR COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lantz

- ! When a court of appeals, superior court, or municipal court judge serves on a judicial committee established by the Legislature or the chief justice of the supreme court, a judge pro tempore may be appointed without any reduction in pay for the judge who is serving on the committee.

HB 2522: MODIFYING COURT JURISDICTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lantz

- ! The dollar limit on the jurisdiction of district courts is raised from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

HB 2576: MODIFYING PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS TRADE NAMES

Prime Sponsor: Representative D. Sommers (SB 6437 Senator Prentice)

- ! The registration of a trade name with the Department of Licensing does not have to be performed by specified persons associated with the business. Also, the person registering the trade name does not have to sign the document.

E2SHB 2588: CREATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW PANELS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tokuda (SB 6421 Senator Costa)

- ! Subject to available funds, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) will contract with an entity with expertise in domestic violence to coordinate regional domestic violence fatality review panels.
- ! Annual reports, with recommendations to improve the response to domestic violence and identify patterns in domestic violence fatalities, will be submitted to the House Children and Family Services and Criminal Justice and Corrections Committees and the Senate Human Services and Corrections and Judiciary Committees.

HB 2595: AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PROTECTION ORDER INFORMATION IN THE JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ogden

- ! Foreign protection orders and orders for protection of vulnerable adults must be entered into the domestic violence database of the Judicial Information System.

EHB 2609: ALLOWING AGENTS TO GIVE NOTICE OF DISHONORED CHECKS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Carrell

- ! An agent, such as a collection agent, hired to collect on a dishonored check is entitled to get collection costs currently allowed under Uniform Commercial Code Article 3 (governing negotiable instruments).
- ! The state child support registry may also collect such costs if a check is paid to it and the check is dishonored.

HB 2612: CLARIFYING WHEN A DEFENDANT MUST APPEAR

Prime Sponsor: Representative McDonald (SB 6648 Senator Heavey)

- ! Language in the law requiring prompt court appearance in DUI cases is clarified.
- ! Every person charged with DUI who is served with a citation or complaint at the time of arrest must appear before a judicial officer within one judicial day after the arrest.
- ! Every person who is charged with DUI but is not served with a citation or complaint at the time of the incident must appear within 14 days after the next day on which court is in session following issuance of the citation.

EHB 2713: REGARDING MANDATORY ARBITRATION FEES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Constantine (SB 6515 Senator Heavey)

- ! A county legislative authority may impose a filing fee of up to \$120 for a mandatory arbitration request. These fees are to be used solely for the mandatory arbitration program. If Initiative 695 is determined to apply, any such fee must be approved by a vote of the people.

SHB 2721: CHANGING PROVISIONS RELATING TO VENUE OF ACTIONS BY OR AGAINST COUNTIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Morris

- ! A county may sue or be sued in either of the two nearest judicial districts, rather than the two nearest counties. For an action filed by or against a county in a multi-county judicial district, this assures two alternative court venues.

HB 2774: REVISING PROVISIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES PRO TEMPORE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Carrell (SB 6649 Senator Kline)

- ! Statutes governing the appointment of judges pro tempore of the municipal courts are amended to provide generally consistent standards.
- ! The presiding judge, rather than the mayor, is allowed to make pro tem appointments.
- ! For cities other than Seattle, a pro tem judge does not have to live within the city or county where the court is located.

HB 2775: CLARIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF CASES FROM COMMISSIONERS TO JUDGES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lambert (SB 6650 Senator Kline)

- ! A motion to transfer a case from a district court commissioner to a judge must be filed before any discretionary ruling is made.

SHB 2776: PROVIDING FOR DEFERRED FINDINGS AND COLLECTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE IN AN INFRACTION CASE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Constantine (HB 6651 Senator Heavey)

- ! In a hearing to contest a traffic infraction or in a hearing to explain mitigating circumstances, the court may defer its findings for up to one year and impose conditions on the person who allegedly committed the infraction.
- ! After the end of the deferral period, the court may dismiss the infraction if the person has met all the conditions and has not committed another traffic infraction.

SHB 2799: GRANTING STATE-WIDE WARRANT JURISDICTION TO COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lambert

- ! The Office of the Administrator for the Courts (OAC) must establish a pilot program for the statewide processing of warrants issued by courts of limited jurisdiction.
- ! The OAC must report to the Legislature by June 1, 2003, regarding the effectiveness and costs of the pilot program.

ESHB 2884: PROVIDING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS SUBJECT TO COURT ORDERS AND STANDARDS REGARDING RESIDENTIAL TIME OR VISITATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Constantine

- ! When the person with whom a child resides a majority of the time intends to change the residence of the child, notice must be given to those entitled to visitation or residential time with the child. There is a rebuttable presumption that the intended relocation of the child will be permitted.
- ! A person who objects to the relocation of the child may rebut this presumption by showing the detrimental effect of relocation outweighs the benefit of relocation to the child and the relocating person based upon certain factors delineated in the act.

SHB 2903: AUTHORIZING SOUND RECORDINGS WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT THAT CORRESPOND TO VIDEO RECORDINGS FROM CAMERAS MOUNTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Delvin

- ! The privacy act provisions do not apply to sound recordings made in conjunction and simultaneously with video images recorded by video cameras mounted in law enforcement vehicles.
- ! The law enforcement officer must inform the person when such a sound recording is being made except under exigent circumstances.

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- ! These sound recordings may not be divulged by law enforcement agencies prior to final disposition of court proceedings arising from the incident or for a commercial purpose.
- ! Wrongful alteration, erasure, or disclosure is a gross misdemeanor.

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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ESB 5152: CLARIFYING WHO ARE APPOINTED PERSONNEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kline

- ! Changes the definition of a public employee in the public employees' collective bargaining statute to: 1) clarify that those appointed to office by a public employer are not public employees if their appointment is to a board, commission, or committee; and 2) specify that court commissioners or magistrates are not public employees.
- ! Elected prosecuting attorneys may not alter the at-will employment of deputies beyond the elected prosecutor's term of office.

2SSB 5802: REGULATING TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACTORS AND INSTALLATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fairley

- ! A telecommunications contractor license is required to install or maintain a telecommunications system. Telecommunications contractors must appoint a telecommunications administrator to be responsible for compliance with installation codes, obtaining permits and scheduling inspections. A contractor is required to maintain insurance or file an assigned account and is also required to obtain a surety bond or a file a cash deposit with the Department of Labor and Industries.
- ! The composition of the electrical board is changed to include telecommunications specialists. The board is authorized to settle installation and maintenance disputes and review and reverse decisions of the department regarding licences and penalties. Violations of licensing and regulatory requirements may result in a maximum \$10,000 penalty.
- ! Cities or towns may enact and enforce telecommunication standards equivalent to or higher than the department's and disputes with the department over such standards are subject to arbitration.

ESB 6236: PROMOTING EFFICIENCY WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYMENT AND RELATED SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fairley

- ! The commissioner of Employment Security may enter into data sharing contracts with agencies and organizations involved in one-stop WorkSource career centers and with state agencies to facilitate operation and evaluation of state programs.
- ! Information shared through these contracts is exempt from public disclosure.
- ! The Employment Security Department must notify individuals who apply for services from one-stop career centers that their information will be shared, and individuals may request that it not be shared.

SB 6237: MODIFYING WHO MAY DEDUCT PROCESSING FEES FOR CERTAIN PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fairley

- ! Clarifies in statute that the Employment Security Department will not deduct a processing fee when intercepting and withholding child support from an individual's unemployment insurance benefits.

HB 2579: MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lambert (SB 6510 Senator Winsley)

- ! Modifies technical provisions of child support law, regarding honoring liens from other states, by giving them "full faith and credit."
- ! Requires uniform interstate withholding forms, for withholding child support from wages.
- ! Updates license suspension for failure to pay child support, by including jockeys, owners and trainers licensed by the Horse Racing Commission.
- ! Simplifies employer compliance with child support withholding, by enhancing delivery of documents to employers and streamlining their required response.

SHB 2599: CREATING A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PORT DISTRICT OFFICIALS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Doumit (SB 6448 Senator T. Sheldon)

- ! Port districts are authorized to utilize the services of a nonprofit corporation in order to provide training and education for port district officials and employees.
- ! Port districts are authorized to transfer funds received from industrial development corporations to the nonprofit corporation.

ESHB 2647: REQUIRING SAFETY DEVICES FOR FLAGGERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reardon

- ! Directs the Department of Labor and Industries, the Transportation Commission, and the Utilities and Transportation Commission to adopt rules revising safety standards for flaggers.
- ! Directs the Utilities and Transportation Commission to adopt rules updating employment qualifications for flaggers.
- ! Provides that the act be named the "Kim Vendl Worker Safety Act."

HB 2686: UPDATING DEFINITIONS OF INCOME AND RESOURCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tokuda (SB 6225 Senator Fairley)

- ! At the request of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), this legislation simplifies and clarifies statutory criteria for determining asset limits for those applying for public assistance.
- ! Allows DSHS to no longer consider resources when determining continuing eligibility for Medicaid recipients.

SHB 3077: MODIFYING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Conway

- ! Modifies unemployment insurance taxes: 1) restores the effective tax schedule to Schedule A and the average taxable wage base to \$24,300 for 2000; 2) reduces the tax rates in certain rate classes, reduces the triggers for determining the effective tax schedule; and 3) uses a three-year average to calculate the taxable wage base.
- ! Establishes a training benefits program for qualified dislocated workers: 1) extends unemployment insurance benefits for up to 52 weeks; and 2) for qualified dislocated aerospace, timber and fin fish workers, extends benefits for up to 74 weeks through June 30, 2002.

NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & RECREATION

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ESSB 5001: AUTHORIZING HUNTING OF COUGAR WITH THE AID OF DOGS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Morton

- ! Allows the Fish and Wildlife Commission to allow cougar hunting with dogs by the public.
- ! Dogs may be used only in “selected areas” of a game management unit for a “public safety need.”
- ! The commission must first determine that “no other practical alternative” to hound hunting of cougar exists and rules governing hound hunting of cougar must be adopted.
- ! Conditions that may warrant use of hounds are: confirmed cougar/human safety incidents, cougar/livestock depredations, cougar/pet depredations or a number of cougar capture or relocation incidents.

SSB 5518: ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ATHLETIC FACILITY ACCOUNT TO HELP FUND COMMUNITY OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Jacobsen

- ! Allows the youth athletic facility account to give low or no interest loans, in addition to grants, for community outdoor athletic facilities.
- ! The program is administered by the Community Outdoor Athletic Fields Advisory Council.

SSB 6147: CREATING THE WASHINGTON STATE PARKS GIFT FOUNDATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Jacobsen

- ! Establishes a non-profit foundation to solicit support, cooperation, and donations for the benefit of state parks.
- ! Funds can be used for specific projects suggested by the commission or for an endowment.
- ! Governor appoints initial directors, members elect subsequent directors.

ESSB 6149: ALLOWING THE DISPOSITION OF STATE FOREST LANDS WITHOUT PUBLIC AUCTION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Jacobsen (HB 2625 Representative Regala)

- ! The Department of Natural Resources may sell at fair market value, lands administered for the benefit of the counties in parcels of up to ten acres or land with a value of twenty-five thousand dollars or less to resolve trespass or to solve condemnation problems.
- ! Income from the sale will be used to purchase replacement land in the same county.
- ! The commission must unanimously approve a sale.

SSB 6194: ATTEMPTING TO LIMIT THE INCIDENTS OF RURAL GARBAGE DUMPING

Prime Sponsor: Senator T. Sheldon (HB 2586 Representative Haigh)

- ! Increases the penalty for rural garbage dumping from a civil infraction to a crime. Dumping between one cubic foot and one cubic yard is a simple misdemeanor, a cubic yard or more is a gross misdemeanor. Abandoning a junk vehicle in an unincorporated area is a gross misdemeanor.
- ! Requires restitution of up to \$100 per cubic foot or double the cleanup cost, whichever is greater.

- ! Restitution is split equally between landowner and law enforcement. First time offenders can, at a judge's discretion, clean up garbage dumped instead of restitution payment.

SSB 6294: CREATING THE AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Jacobsen (HB 2383 Representative Regala)

- ! An Aquatic Nuisance Species Committee is created to coordinate planning, research and education, and to develop policy recommendations to the Legislature.
- ! The committee is made up of state agencies and will report to the Legislature every other year.

SSB 6450: CLARIFYING THE DEPOSIT AND USE OF MONEYS FOR WILDLIFE PUBLICATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Jacobsen

- ! Moneys from the sale of interpretive, recreational, historical, educational and informational literature, including fisheries publications, are placed in the wildlife fund.
- ! Advertising revenue from regulation pamphlets and enrollment fees from department-sponsored educational events are also placed in the wildlife fund.
- ! Moneys from the sale of informational materials may be used for producing like materials.
- ! Regulation pamphlets continue to be offered at no cost.

E2SSB 6731: CREATING A LAKE WHATCOM LANDSCAPE PLAN

Prime Sponsor: Senator Spanel (HB 3073 Representative Linville)

- ! Lake Whatcom provides drinking water for over 66,000 people in the Bellingham area and local citizens. The Department of Natural Resources will work to finalize a plan for the watershed which is made up of county and state trust lands.
- ! Timber harvest and road construction will be strictly regulated to protect water quality and land stability.

ESHB 2078: MERGING TITLES 75 AND 77 RCW

Prime Sponsor: Representative Buck

- ! Merges Title 75 into 77 so there is one title of law governing fish and wildlife.

SHB 2338: ALLOWING THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHOUT AN AUCTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Alexander (SB 6175 Senator Jacobsen)

- ! The Parks and Recreation Commission is authorized to sell up to ten acres of contiguous real property without a public auction to resolve a boundary dispute.
- ! An appraisal is required and the sale must be for fair market value.
- ! Public notice and hearing is specifically required.
- ! The commission must unanimously approve a sale.

SHB 2399: MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLES 76, 78, 79, AND 79A RCW

Prime Sponsor: Representative Constantine

- ! Technical and grammatical errors, incorrect internal cross-references, and unclear ordering of definitions are corrected in four Revised Code of Washington titles relating to natural resources.

SHB 2423: ALLOWING FOR THE DISPOSAL OF MT. ST. HELEN'S DREDGE SPOILS FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LANDS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pennington (SB 6287 Senator Snyder)

- ! Mt. St. Helen's dredge spoils on public lands in Cowlitz County can be sold without the state collecting a royalty.
- ! Funds from the sales will be used for county recreation and for maintaining the dredge spoil sites.
- ! Lands used for dredge spoil storage shall be transferred by the Washington State Department of Transportation to the city of Castle Rock for recreation site development.

HB 2459: EXTENDING THE TENURE OF THE WINTER RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Regala (SB 6174 Senator Jacobsen)

- ! Continues the Winter Recreation Advisory Committee by repealing the sunset of the committee.
- ! The committee is a citizen committee that contributes to winter recreation opportunity planning.

SHB 2466: CREATING A BALLAST WATER MONITORING PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Regala (SSB 6293 Jacobsen)

- ! The discharge of ballast water from vessels is a major way in which invasive aquatic nuisance species can be introduced into Washington waters.
- ! A joint state, federal, and private industry program to regulate ballast water is created.
- ! The Department of Fish and Wildlife in cooperation with the Coast Guard, the industry, and environmental groups will adopt rules and establish procedures to eliminate ballast water problems.
- ! The department will report to the Legislature on the progress of the program, on efforts to equalize costs between ports, and on methods to establish greater federal-state cooperation.
- ! There will be a legislative review of the act in 2005.

HB 2495: ALLOWING HOLDERS OF BIG AND SMALL GAME HUNTING LICENSES TO HUNT UNCLASSIFIED WILDLIFE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pennington (SB 6185 Senator Jacobsen)

- ! Allows holders of either valid small game or big game hunting licenses to hunt unclassified wildlife.
- ! Unclassified wildlife includes animals such as coyote, opossum, mountain beaver, vole, and nonnative squirrel.

ESHB 2589: CLARIFYING WHAT PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING BY THE SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Representative Buck

- ! Public or private landowners who have a legal obligation to fund a salmon recovery project are eligible for project funding from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

- ! Eligible projects must provide a clear benefit to salmon recovery and cannot be required for mitigation or permitting requirements.
- ! The Salmon Recovery Funding Board may condition a grant or loan to assure compliance with salmon recovery project conditions if a property containing such a project is transferred to a federal agency.

HB 2630: CHANGING WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schoesler (SB 6176 Senator Rasmussen)

- ! Warehouse receipts for share crops on state lands may be written for any crop rather than only for grains and peas.
- ! Warehouse receipts may be either negotiable or non-negotiable depending on what the Department of Natural Resources and the lease holder want.

HB 2851: CHANGING THE STATE'S FUNDING LIMIT FOR FLOOD CONTROL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reardon

- ! The Department of Ecology can fund up to 75 percent of the cost of local flood control projects rather than up to 50 percent.

HJM 4026: REQUESTING A REVIEW OF MIGRATORY BIRD PREDATION ON SALMONID STOCKS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Doumit

- ! Congress is asked to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to allow for control of birds that feed upon threatened or endangered salmon.
- ! Funding is requested for site-specific predation studies.
- ! Development of a cohesive conservation plan that balances the needs of birds and salmon is requested.
- ! Limited management authority for removal of migratory and resident predatory birds is requested for state and federal agencies.
- ! Relocation of predatory bird nesting colonies is prohibited if relocation could incur mortality on fish stocks in need of recovery.

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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SSB 5366: CHANGING SCORING CRITERIA FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT EXAMINATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Patterson (HB 1309 Representative Miloscia)

- ! The current preference system based on points in competitive examinations for veterans seeking public employment is replaced by a scoring criteria based on percentages to be added to a passing score for veterans who meet specific qualifications. The added percentages only apply to the first promotional exam.
- ! With specified exceptions, veterans' scoring criteria must be claimed within 15 years of release from active service (previously 8 years).

SSB 5408: CREATING A STATE MEDAL OF VALOR

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

- ! The decoration of the State Medal of Valor is established. The medal may be awarded by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Governor's State Medal of Valor Committee, which consists of the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The Secretary of State serves as the secretary to the committee.
- ! The award may be presented to the recipient only during a joint session of the Legislature and may be awarded posthumously. The medal may not be awarded to law enforcement officers, fire fighters, or others in hazardous professions if employed by a governmental entity within the state of Washington.

SB 6123: AUTHORIZING PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREAS TO SPONSOR PUBLIC EVENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator B. Sheldon

- ! Parking and business improvement areas are allowed to sponsor public events within the area. This is in addition to their authority to promote public events and retail trade activities, provide parking lots, provide music for and decorate public places, and provide security and maintenance in the common public areas.

SB 6154: ALLOWING COUNTY CLERKS TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Costa

- ! County clerks are authorized to accept credit card and other non-cash electronic means of payment from criminal defendants paying court-ordered judgements and from other citizens paying court filing fees and for fees owed to the clerk for services the clerk performs. The person paying by credit card must pay the cost of the transaction.

SSB 6276: AUTHORIZING INCLUSION OF CITIES AND TOWNS WITHIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Snyder

- ! If the legislative bodies of the cities or towns agree, the county may include incorporated cities and towns within the county's emergency medical service district.

SB 6285: ESTABLISHING PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

- ! The seventh day of December is recognized as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day but is not considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

SB 6289: EXCUSING POLITICAL COMMITTEES FROM KEEPING THEIR BOOKS OPEN ON LEGAL HOLIDAYS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Patterson

SSB 6289 was incorporated into SB 6775.

ESSB 6347: CREATING SMALL WORKS ROSTER PROVISIONS TO AWARD PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Patterson (SHB 2538 Representative Miloscia)

- ! For all units of government, except irrigation districts, public works contracts of \$200,000 or less may be let by the uniform small works process.
- ! At least once per year, the governmental units must solicit contractors for inclusion on the rosters and post the list of contracts awarded by use of the small works roster.
- ! The rosters must be managed so that the opportunity for work is equitably distributed with at least five contractors solicited to bid on each contract. Except for port district contracts, contracts in the \$100,00 to \$200,000 range have additional notification requirements.

SSB 6357: FUNDING THE MUNICIPAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Patterson (HB 2477 Representative D. Schmidt)

- ! An effect of I-695 was the repeal of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET). Cities used a portion of their MVET revenue to pay for the cities' 84 percent share of the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC). The portion paid by the counties for their services from the MRSC is unaffected by I-695.
- ! A portion of the funds from the liquor revolving fund, money already being distributed to the cities by statute, is redirected to pay for the services the MRSC provides to the cities.

SB 6429: CHANGING STATUTES THAT EFFECT THE PRODUCTIVITY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Senator Patterson (HB 2558 Representative Romero)

- ! The Productivity Board is renamed the Employee Involvement and Recognition Board.
- ! Two positions are put back on the Board: a second person representing state agencies subject to civil service law; and one person representing those subject to state higher education personnel law.
- ! The restriction not allowing an organization to be represented for two consecutive terms is deleted.

SB 6622: DESIGNATING ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shin

- ! The month of May of each year is known as the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Educational institutions, public entities, and private organizations are encouraged to commemorate the lives, history, achievements, and contributions of Asian Pacific Americans.

- ! The State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs coordinates and assists statewide celebrations during the fourth week of May.

SSB 6643: MODIFYING GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING POPULATION REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

- ! For the purpose of being required to plan under the Growth Management Act, no county is required to include in its population count those persons confined in a correctional facility under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.
- ! The act is prospective.

SSB 6644: MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO FIRE PROTECTION LAWS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Goings

- ! Under current law, a one-way information flow is required when a fire loss appears to be caused by arson. Insurers are required to share this information with the Washington State Patrol and are provided with both civil and criminal immunity protection. The bill allows a two-way information flow, by allowing state agencies to share information with insurers in a reciprocal manner under the same immunity protection.

ESSB 6732: CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF “TOURISM-RELATED FACILITY”

Prime Sponsor: Senator Spanel

- ! The effect of the existing law on the hotel/motel tax is clarified. Any project legally proposed to be funded by hotel/motel tax revenues as of 1994, including restroom facilities for tourists, but which was not implemented by May 20, 1997, is currently allowed to be funded by hotel/motel tax revenues.

SB 6748: INCREASING LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT LIMITS TO FINANCE CAPITAL FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Sellar (HB 2873 Representative Parlette)

- ! The use of the 2½ percent voter approved indebtedness for cities and towns to provide open space and park facilities is expanded to include capital facilities associated with economic development.

SB 6775: SIMPLIFYING PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REPORT FILING AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Patterson

- ! The deadline for the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) to offer electronic filing to lobbyists is extended one year, to January 1, 2002.
- ! The size of campaign that is required to file electronically is increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000 in expenditures and must do so by January 1, 2002. The \$10,000-sized campaign is given three more years before it must file electronically, until January 1, 2004. The PDC may make case-by-case exceptions to these requirements for candidates whose committees do not have the technological ability to file electronically.
- ! Access goals set last year are adjusted to give the PDC more time to make filings accessible electronically. The PDC must install a toll-free telephone number.

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The following provisions from SB 6289 are incorporated in SB 6775:

- ! Inspection requirements for books of account of a continuing political committee are made the same as for a candidate. Provision is made in the requirement for the inspection of books of account for the happenstance that the eighth day before an election falls on a holiday.

ESB 6858: PROVIDING FOR MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS FOR ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

- ! The city of Seattle (or Spokane) may contract with one or more nonprofit corporations or other public organizations for the overall management and operation of a zoo and/or aquarium. No contract may have a term exceeding 20 years. Requirements are specified regarding public notice, public hearing, and public availability of terms and conditions of the proposed contract.
- ! The city must provide for oversight of the managing and operating entity to ensure public accountability.
- ! Notwithstanding any provisions in the charter of the city: 1) a nonprofit corporation or public organization may manage, supervise, and control those employees of the city employed in connection with a zoo or aquarium; and 2) the civil service system of the city must provide for the nonprofit corporation or public organization to manage, supervise, control, hire, fire, or otherwise discipline those employees. Any terms, conditions, or practices contained in a collective bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of this act are not affected.

HB 1070: AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR/CONSTRUCTION MANAGER CONTRACTING PROCEDURE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Romero (SB 5225 Senator Patterson)

- ! School districts are added to the governmental entities authorized to use the general contractor/construction manager (GC/CM) alternative public works contracting procedure. A school district project review board (Board) is established to approve the use of four demonstration projects: two projects over \$10 million; and two projects between \$5 million and \$10 million. No school district may have more than one project.
- ! A school district may not use as an evaluation factor whether a contractor submitting a bid for an approved project has had prior GC/CM experience. Any member of the Board who is directly affiliated with any applicant must recuse him or herself from consideration of the application.

SHB 2392: CREATING THE JOINT TASK FORCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Doumit

- ! A 17 member joint task force is created to study the delivery of local government services and the allotment of revenues and collection and distribution of various fines and forfeitures. The joint task force consists of four members of the House of Representatives, four members of the Senate, four representatives of the Association of Washington Cities, two representatives of the Association of Counties, two representatives of the Association of County Officials, and one representative of the Governor's office.
- ! The joint task force must commence by July 1, 2000, and report its interim findings and recommendations during the 2001 session. A final report and recommendations, including legislative proposals, is due January 1, 2002. The staff of Senate Committee Services and Office of Program Research will provide support.

HB 2397: REVISING PROVISIONS RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Scott

- ! To allow for more accurate information, the time limit for completing a local government fiscal note is lengthened from 72 hours to one week.
- ! If a bill is altered, analysis on the original bill is halted, unless a legislator requests otherwise, and analysis is directed toward a proposed substitute or amended bill.
- ! The Office of Financial Management, in consultation with the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, is required to review and prepare a fiscal impact report annually on up to five laws enacted within the past five years. They must also report to the Legislature on local government fiscal notes and fiscal impact reports prepared during the preceding two-year period.

HB 2403: CREATING THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kastama (SB 6571 Senator Rasmussen)

- ! A dedicated account is created in the state treasury to receive contributions from citizens and appropriations from the Legislature for the National World War II Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C.

SHB 2441: INCREASING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH THE STATE SUNSET REVIEW PROCESS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wensman (SSB 6310 Senator Gardner)

- ! The entities that may be made subject to the sunset review process are expanded to include agencies' programs, units and subunits. Unless the Legislature provides otherwise, an entity may only be reviewed once every seven years.
- ! The entity made subject to sunset review must formulate the performance measures by which it will ultimately be evaluated. The factors that must be considered in the evaluation are streamlined and no longer vary depending on whether the entity is a regulatory entity.
- ! The termination date for the Sunset Law is extended from June 30, 2000, to June 30, 2015.

HB 2449: REVISING PROVISIONS RELATING TO ETHICS BOARD STAFF REVIEW OF ETHICS COMPLAINTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pennington

- ! Subject to rules issued by each ethics board, the staffs of the legislative and executive ethics boards are permitted to dismiss de minimus complaints. The complainant may appeal the staff dismissal to the ethics board.

HB 2505: MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF "CITY" FOR THE MULTIPLE-UNIT DWELLINGS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cairnes (SB 6157 Senator Patterson)

- ! The definition of "city" for the use of the multiple-unit dwellings property tax exemption is changed from a city with a population in excess of 100,000 to a city with a population in excess of 50,000. Extends the 10-year property tax exemption to the cities of Kent, Federal Way, Lakewood and Shoreline.

SHB 2528: REGULATING CAPACITY CHARGES FOR SEWAGE FACILITIES BY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cairnes (SSB 5336 Senator Kline)

- ! Current capacity charges are specifically set in statute as escalating, set dollar amounts. The bill gives the metropolitan council of King County the general authority to set reasonable connection and capacity charges so that property owners bear their equitable share of the cost of the new \$1.2 billion sewage treatment facility.

HB 2535: FACILITATING PAYMENTS TO SUBCONTRACTORS ON DESIGN-BUILD PROJECTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Miloscia (SB 6303 Senator Winsley)

- ! A governmental entity engaged in a general contractor/contract manager type of public works contract, may release a subcontractor's share of the retainage if the subcontractor completed its work within the first half of the life of the contract.

HB 2536: CONCERNING THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR/CONSTRUCTION MANAGER PROCEDURE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Miloscia (SB 6301 Senator Winsley)

- ! Restrictions on the general contractor/contract manager (GC/CM) to perform subcontract work are changed as follows: the GC/CM may perform subcontract work on projects of any value, rather than only on projects with a value exceeding \$20 million; and the maximum amount of subcontract work that the GC/CM may perform is increased to 30 percent from 20 percent of the negotiated maximum allowable construction cost.
- ! Factors that the evaluation committee may use to evaluate initial proposals submitted by the contractors are expanded to include the scope of work that the GC/CM proposes to self-perform and its ability to perform the work.

EHB 2561: AUTHORIZING THE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL HISTORIC TOWNS OUTSIDE OF URBAN GROWTH AREAS; AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rockefeller (SSB 6432 Senator B. Sheldon)

- ! Growth Management Act (GMA) counties are permitted to designate "national historic towns" outside of Urban Growth Areas (UGA).
- ! A national historic town is a town or district designated as a national historic landmark under federal law, based on significant historic urban features and which historically contained a mix of residential and commercial or industrial uses.
- ! These towns may have urban densities and an allocated portion of the county's projected population growth.

SHB 2587: MODIFYING BALLOT TITLE LAWS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi (SB 6445 Senator Gardner)

- ! The Washington Supreme Court recently required that there be only one subject in the title to a ballot measure. In order to accommodate this judicial requirement, "ballot title" has been redefined.
- ! A ballot title under the bill consists of three parts. There is a statement of subject of up to 10 words; a concise description of up to 30 words; and a question as specified for the particular type of ballot measure.

- ! The Legislature may write all or part of the ballot title of a constitutional amendment or an alternative to an initiative to the Legislature. Both the Attorney General and either house of the Legislature may challenge the ballot title in court.

EHB 2648: REVISING THE WASHINGTON STATE QUALITY AWARD PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Miloscia (SB 6713 Senator Patterson)

- ! One of the members of the board of directors of the private, nonprofit corporation established in statute to oversee the program, is appointed by the Governor. All other statutory appointees to the board of directors are eliminated. Staff assistance from the Secretary of State is ended.
- ! The expiration of the State Quality Award Achievement Program is extended from July 1, 1999, to July 1, 2004.

HB 2650: SIMPLIFYING AGENCY TO AGENCY TRANSFER OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Romero (SB 6443 Senator Patterson)

- ! Current law requires a state agency receiving property of any value from another state agency to pay full market value for the property. State agencies may now transfer property items having a fair market value of less than \$500 to other state agencies free of charge. These agencies must maintain adequate records of the transfers.

HB 2765: AUTHORIZING DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY REGARDING REVENUE BONDS FOR PORT DISTRICTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative McIntire

- ! A port commission is allowed to delegate authority to a single chief executive officer to make decisions relating to revenue bonds, including the approval of interest rates.
- ! The authority of the chief executive officer is based on terms and conditions approved by a resolution of the port commission.

ESHB 2934: MAKING CHANGES TO FLOOD PLAIN CONSTRUCTION LIMITATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Koster

- ! Construction projects and/or improvements on residential structures located within designated flood plains are generally prohibited. An exception is created, allowing for improvements on these substantially damaged residential structures after an assessment by the Department of Ecology. The local governing authority must first request the assessment.
- ! Construction on existing residential structures located within a flood plain is allowed if the construction is being done to comply with a health or safety code. A building enforcement official must now identify an existing health or safety code violation before improvements are made on these residential structures. The improvements must be the minimum necessary to correct the violations.

HB 2993: SETTING FIRES FOR FIRE FIGHTER INSTRUCTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative G. Chandler

- ! Training fires may be set by fire protection districts to structures located outside urban growth areas without conforming to any other permits, licenses or approvals that would otherwise be required.

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- ! The good-faith asbestos inspection required before the structure is set afire is conducted by the fire protection district. The fire must be unlikely to cause an air pollution episode in downwind areas.

SHB 3032: EXTENDING ANNEXATION AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN PORT DISTRICTS ALONG THE INTERSTATE 90 CORRIDOR

Prime Sponsor: Representative Mulliken

- ! Small, rural port districts located in the Interstate 5 corridor may file a petition to annex a neighboring area if the area contains no registered voters. This authority is extended to small, rural port districts located in the Interstate 90 corridor (Grant County).

ESHB 3105: APPORTIONING A SALES AND USE TAX FOR ZOOS, AQUARIUMS, WILDLIFE PRESERVES, AND REGIONAL PARKS

Prime Sponsor: Representative McDonald (SB 6805 Senator Goings)

- ! Last session, Pierce County was authorized to impose a voter approved one-tenth percent sales tax for the support of a zoo, wildlife park, and aquarium. Parks is added as an additional use of this tax. The proceeds from the tax are distributed as follows: 50 percent to the zoo and aquarium authority; and 50 percent to the county, cities (except Tacoma) and towns, solely for parks, distributed on a per capita basis.
- ! Provisions are included to: implement the stipulations of a memorandum of agreement related to Fort Steilacoom Park; and authorize and fund the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, for a period of twelve years, to operate and maintain community-based housing for persons who are mentally ill.

SJM 8022: RECOGNIZING AMERICA'S WORLD WAR II VETERANS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rasmussen

- ! The Legislature requests that Congress accept the support of the people of the state of Washington for the National World War II Veterans' Memorial.

SSJM 8026: COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shin

- ! President Clinton, Congress and the Secretary of the Department of Defense are requested to encourage communities nationwide to hold public recognition programs commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

SJM 8027: COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shin

- ! The Governor is requested to designate the years 2000 and 2003 as the 50th anniversaries of the beginning and the end of the Korean War to honor all of our veterans and our allies and to encourage all citizens of the state to remember and perpetuate the meaning of sacrifice for peace and freedom.

SHCR 4428: CREATING A JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Conway (SCR 8426 Senator Rasmussen)

- ! The Joint Select Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs is created. The committee must examine and define issues and make recommendations with respect to desirable changes in programs, laws, and administrative practices affecting veterans and military affairs before each legislative session.

- ! The Joint Select Committee consists of 16 members, four members from each major caucus in the Senate and House of Representatives. The committee must be co-chaired by one member from the Senate and one member from the House of Representatives.

TRANSPORTATION

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2ESSB 5610: AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING TO IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 46.70 RCW

Prime Sponsor: Senator Prentice

- ! Authorizes a civil penalty for selling five or more vehicles within a year without a valid dealer's license. The sale of certain farm vehicles and equipment, and the sale of vehicles over 30 years old are exempted.

The following provisions from SSB 6548 are incorporated in 2ESSB 5610:

- ! Requires consignment motor vehicle dealers to pay the amount due a consignor within 20 days of the delivery of the vehicle title to the purchaser of the vehicle.

ESSB 6264: ESTABLISHING INTERMEDIATE DRIVERS' LICENSES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Eide

- ! Establishes an intermediate driver's license.
- ! To qualify for a driver's license before the age of 18, and individual must: 1) complete 50 hours of behind-the-wheel practice and 10 of those hours must be at night; 2) hold a learner's permit for at least six months; 3) have no traffic violations within six months of applying for an intermediate license; and 4) have not been adjudicated for any alcohol or drug offenses while holding a learner's permit.
- ! While holding an intermediate driver's license, an individual must not drive between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless driving with an individual who is 25 or older or unless driving for agricultural purposes.
- ! For the first six months of holding an intermediate driver's license, the driver must not have any passengers in the car under the age of 20. After the first six months the driver must not have more than three passengers in the car under the age of 20. Immediate family members are exempt from this restriction.
- ! If an individual does not have any accidents or infractions for one year, the night-time driving and passenger restrictions do not apply.
- ! This bill does not take effect until July 1, 2001.

SB 6307: CHANGING PROVISIONS RELATING TO COUNTY ROADS THAT CROSS COUNTY BOUNDARIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Morton

- ! Current law does not permit Washington counties to spend county road funds on roads that extend into other states, even when the road is primarily used by Washington residents.
- ! Enables county boards to spend county road funds to maintain a road that extends into another state, even if the road does not come back into the county.

SSB 6467: REVERSING THE 1999 LICENSE FRAUD LAW

Prime Sponsor: Senator Goings

- ! Vehicle license fraud occurs when a Washington resident intentionally registers a vehicle in another state to avoid Washington taxes and fees.

- ! In the 1999 Legislative Session, the Legislature decriminalized vehicle license fraud. As a result of the decriminalization, local law enforcement officers lost the authority to issue license fraud citations.
- ! Reestablishes the pre-1999 legislation criminal penalties for license fraud and enables local law enforcement officers to issue license fraud citations.

SSB 6548: SELLING A VEHICLE BY CONSIGNMENT AT WHOLESALE MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator McCaslin

SSB 6548 was incorporated into 2ESSB 5610.

SB 6667: EXEMPTING CERTAIN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FROM REPLACING LICENSE PLATES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Haugen (HB 2887 Representative Fisher)

- ! Currently the Department of Licensing is required to periodically provide for the replacement of license plates.
- ! The legislation makes commercial vehicles exempt from the periodic license plate replacement requirement.

HB 2333: CLARIFYING RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BICYCLISTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schual-Berke (SB 6547 Senator Costa)

- ! Bicyclists have all the rights and duties of pedestrians. Drivers of vehicles must yield the right-of-way to bicyclists in crosswalks or on sidewalks.
- ! Law enforcement officers who encounter intoxicated bicyclists may transport the bicyclist to a safe place or release the bicyclist to a competent person.
- ! Procedures are identified under which an officer may impound an impaired bicyclist's bicycle.

SHB 2343: ALLOWING THE REDEMPTION OF VEHICLES BY PAYMENTS FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hatfield (SB 6484 Senator Prentice)

- ! Allows vehicle owners to use major credit cards and checks issued by Washington branches of financial institutions to reclaim impounded vehicles.
- ! Storage charges may continue to accrue if tow truck operators provide complete and accurate information to the Department of Licensing.

HB 2532: ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RECOGNIZE VOLUNTEER PILOTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fisher (SB 6413 Haugen)

- ! Allows the aviation division of the Department of Transportation to use the existing pilot registration fee to recognize volunteer groups and associations that assist with and support search and rescue efforts.

ESHB 2617: EXTENDING REGULATION OF EXCURSION CRUISE SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Radcliff

- ! The current limited prohibition on excursion service is extended until July 1, 2002.
- ! The Legislative Transportation Committee must review the legal restrictions on excursion service as part of the task force on the Utilities and Transportation Commission.

ESHB 2675: UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Skinner (ESB 6613 Senator Costa)

- ! Changes the existing requirements for restraining children traveling in motor vehicles.
- ! Children less than one year of age or weighing under 20 pounds, must be properly restrained in a rear-facing infant seat.
- ! Children between one and four years of age or 20 and 40 pounds, must be restrained in a forward-facing infant seat.
- ! Children between the ages of four and six or 40 and 60 pounds, must be restrained in a child booster seat.
- ! Children over the age of six or weighing more than 60 pounds must be restrained with a safety belt or in a booster seat.
- ! The enforcement of child restraint usage is a primary action, but seatbelt enforcement for individuals 16 and over remains a secondary action.
- ! The Washington Traffic Safety Commission must conduct an educational campaign on the use of child car seats, booster seats, and seatbelt use.

SHB 2766: ADJUSTING RV SIZE LIMITS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cairnes

- ! Increases the legal length of motor homes from 40 to 46 feet.

SHB 3076: CONVENING A WORK GROUP ON STREAMLINING PROJECT PERMIT PROCESSES

Prime Sponsor: Representative G. Chandler

- ! Requires the formation of a work group to evaluate the expansion of federal certification acceptance programs for obtaining required environmental permits.
- ! The work group consists of the departments of Transportation, Ecology, Fish and Wildlife, and representatives from cities and counties.
- ! The group must present a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2000.

SJM 8021: REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE PAUL N. LUVERA, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Spanel

- ! Renames the section of State Route 20 that stretches from the south end of Commercial Avenue in Anacortes to the Deception Pass/Whidbey Island Junction the Paul Luvera, Sr. Memorial Highway.

WAYS & MEANS

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SB 5932: CHANGING PROVISIONS RELATING TO BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Loveland

- ! The provision that building fees repay the general fund for principal and interest for payment on general obligation bonds secured by building fees is repealed.

SSB 6062: PROVIDING A SALES AND USE TAX DEFERRAL FOR NATURAL GAS-FIRED ENERGY GENERATING FACILITIES SITES IN RURAL AREAS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Gardner (HB 2255 Representative Linville)

- ! Provides a sales and use tax deferral/exemption for the plant and equipment expenditures of a natural gas fired electric generating facility. To be eligible, the facility must be located in a "rural" county and be at least 600 megawatts.

SSB 6115: REINSTATING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAVEL TRAILERS, AND CAMPERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Loveland (HB 2336 Representative Rockefeller)

- ! The property tax exemptions for motor vehicles, travel trailers, and campers, as they existed before their repeal by Initiative 695, are restored, retroactively to January 1, 2000.

SB 6275: PROVIDING LOANS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator McAuliffe

- ! As recommended by the Public Works Board, 63 public works project loans totaling \$123,524,762 are authorized for the 2000 loan cycle.
- ! The 63 authorized projects fall into the following categories: 1) twenty-six water projects totaling \$37,227,432; 2) twenty-one sewer projects totaling \$32,982,676; 3) ten road projects totaling \$21,630,310; 4) two bridge projects totaling \$12,391,144; 5) three storm projects totaling \$9,293,200; and 6) one solid waste project totaling \$10,000,000.

SSB 6454: ELIMINATING REFERENCES TO OBSOLETE NATURAL RESOURCES ACCOUNTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Loveland

- ! Eliminates ten natural resources accounts that have either never been used, or were used to fund programs that have since expired.
- ! Any remaining balances in the accounts are transferred to accounts with similar purposes.

ESSB 6530: PERTAINING TO PLANS 2 AND 3 OF THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fraser (HB 2744 Representative Sommers)

- ! Creates a new "Plan 3" beginning March 2002, for the Public Employees Retirement System. PERS 3 is similar in design to TRS Plan 3 and SERS Plan 3, with a 1% defined benefit pension funded by employer contributions and a defined contribution account funded by member contributions. PERS 3 members have a range of contribution rate options and may self-direct the investment of their accounts.

- ! Membership in PERS 3 is optional for new employees. Current members of PERS 2 will have the option of moving to PERS 3. Those who transfer will receive a transfer payment to their PERS 3 member account equal to 110% or 111% of their accumulated PERS 2 member contributions, if they transfer to Plan 3 either between March 2002 and August 2002 (state and higher education members) or between September 2002 and May 2003 (local government members).
- ! The retirement age for members of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Retirement System Plan 2 (LEOFF 2) is reduced from age 55 to age 53. LEOFF 2 members who are age 50 with 20 years service may retire with a benefit that is reduced by 3 percent for each year the member is less than age 53.
- ! Members of PERS 2, PERS 3, TRS 2, TRS 3, SERS 2, and SERS 3 who are age 55 with 30 years of service also may retire with a benefit that is reduced by 3 percent for each year the member is less than age 65.

SSB 6531: MODIFYING THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN 2 AND 3

Prime Sponsor: Senator Long (SHB 2745 Representative Lambert)

- ! Increases the transfer payment for SERS Plan 2 members who transfer to SERS Plan 3 from 65% to 130% of the member's accumulated contributions.
- ! Directs the Joint Committee on Pension Policy to study the feasibility of permitting new SERS and TRS members to choose between being members of Plan 2 or Plan 3, and to report its recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2001.

SB 6534: ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE EMPLOYEE ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bauer (SHB 2608 Representative Alexander)

- ! Provides that employees who separate from school district employment after age 55 may receive a cash out of sick leave under the employee attendance incentive program, if they have at least ten years of service in TRS Plan 3 or SERS Plan 3, or at least fifteen years service in TRS Plan 2, SERS Plan 2, or PERS Plan 2. Currently only persons who retire directly from employment are eligible for a cash out.

SB 6602: REVISING MEMBERSHIP OF CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE FIGHTERS (LEOFF) DISABILITY BOARDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Loveland

- ! In counties with a population of less than 60,000, the member of a LEOFF disability board that represents the cities and towns that do not have their own LEOFF boards must be a resident of one of those cities or towns, but no longer has to be a member of a city or town legislative body.

SSB 6740: PROVIDING SERVICE CREDIT FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fraser (HB 3067 Representative Fisher)

- ! Permits members of the Washington State Patrol Retirement System to earn service credit for periods of time spent as an elected official of an employee organization.
- ! Establishes eligibility conditions that permit the accrual of service credit for service as an elected official of an employee organization.

E2SHB 1987: PROVIDING TAX EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS TO ENCOURAGE A REDUCTION IN AGRICULTURAL BURNING OF CEREAL GRAINS AND FIELD AND TURF GRASS GROWN FOR SEED

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schoesler (SB 6250 Senator Rasmussen)

- ! Provides sales tax, business and occupation tax and property tax exemptions and credits for equipment that is used more than half the time for gathering or processing straw that results in a reduction in field burning or to decrease air emissions resulting from field burning.

E2SHB 2109: AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR PROPERTIES OF INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITIES DESIGNATED FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING PROGRAM USES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Van Luven

- ! The tax exemption for city and county housing authorities is extended to tribal housing authorities and inter-tribal housing authorities.

HB 2330: ALLOWING LIQUOR REVOLVING FUND DISBURSEMENTS TO THE DEATH INVESTIGATIONS ACCOUNT

Prime Sponsor: Representative McMorris

- ! Allows appropriation of the \$300,000 in liquor revenues to fully implement the transfer of the State Toxicology Laboratory from the University of Washington to the State Patrol. This transfer is a result of legislation that was enacted during the 1999 session.

HB 2344: AUTHORIZING THE CASELOAD FORECAST COUNCIL TO FORECAST COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS CASELOADS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Huff (SB 6187 Senator Loveland)

- ! Transfers the responsibility for the community corrections supervision forecast from the Department of Corrections to the Caseload Forecast Council.

SHB 2398: MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TAX STATUTES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Constantine

- ! This is a technical correction bill that corrects the Revised Code of Washington by correcting statutory references, removing obsolete provisions, combining a double amendment, and repealing obsolete statutes.

SHB 2460: ADDRESSING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gombosky

- ! Authorizes the designation of an additional Community Empowerment Zone (CEZ) by the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development.

SHB 2493: SIMPLIFYING IMPLEMENTATION OF SALES AND USE TAX RATE CHANGES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ruderman

- ! Coordinates all local sales tax rate changes so that they may only take effect on the first day of January, April, July, or October.

HB 2515: SIMPLIFYING ESTATE TAX PENALTIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stensen

- ! No penalty is imposed on a person who voluntarily files a late estate tax return.

- ! If a person files a late estate tax return after being contacted by the Department of Revenue, then the penalty is limited to \$1,500.

HB 2516: REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO PERSONS AGAINST WHOM SUCCESSOR TAX LIABILITY IS ASSERTED

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stensen

- ! The Department of Revenue may disclose tax return or tax information to a person who has acquired a business and now is a successor to the tax liability.

HB 2519: SIMPLIFYING THE EXCISE TAX CODE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lovick

- ! At the request of the Department of Revenue, this bill makes a number of technical changes and corrections to the excise tax code.

SHB 2604: CREATING ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Doumit (ESSB 6533 Senator Franklin)

- ! The Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) must provide two new survivor benefit options for members of the PERS Plans 1 and 2, TRS Plans 1, 2 and 3, SERS Plans 2 and 3, and LEOFF Plan 2.
- ! Members who retired without selecting a survivor benefit are given the option of providing a survivor benefit for the spouse from a post-retirement marriage.
- ! Retirees who chose a non-spouse as a the beneficiary of a survivor option are given the option of removing the survivor designation and having their future benefits adjusted.

HB 2607: DECREASING THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Delvin (SB 6532 Senator Honeyford)

- ! Reduces the member contribution rate for the Washington State Patrol Retirement System from seven percent of pay to three percent of pay, for the period from July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001.

SHB 2850: MODIFYING THE TAX TREATMENT OF LINEN AND UNIFORM SUPPLY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reardon

- ! The retail sale of linen and uniform supply services is deemed to occur at the place where delivery is made to the customer.

EHB 3068: EXEMPTING PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS FOR THE TREATMENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES FROM PROPERTY TAXES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kessler (SB 6724 Senator Hale)

- ! An exemption from property taxes is provided for private property located on federal land at the Hanford reservation that is used exclusively in the performance of a contract with the federal government to pretreat, treat, vitrify, and immobilize tank waste.
- ! Starting in 2002, the property is exempt from the state property tax as long as the owner complies with tank waste treatment complex requirements of the Hanford federal facility agreement and consent order.
- ! Starting in 2006, the property is exempt from both state and local property taxes.

SHB 3099: ALLOWING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CONTINUE TO LOWER THEIR EXPOSURE TO INTEREST RATE FLUCTUATIONS WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dunshee

- ! Authorization for interest rate swaps is extended to June 30, 2000.
- ! Debt payment agreements may continue to be used for restructuring government debt but can no longer be used for investing government funds.

The following provisions from SB 6456 are incorporated into SHB 3009:

- ! The provisions limiting financing by lake management to 10 years is eliminated.